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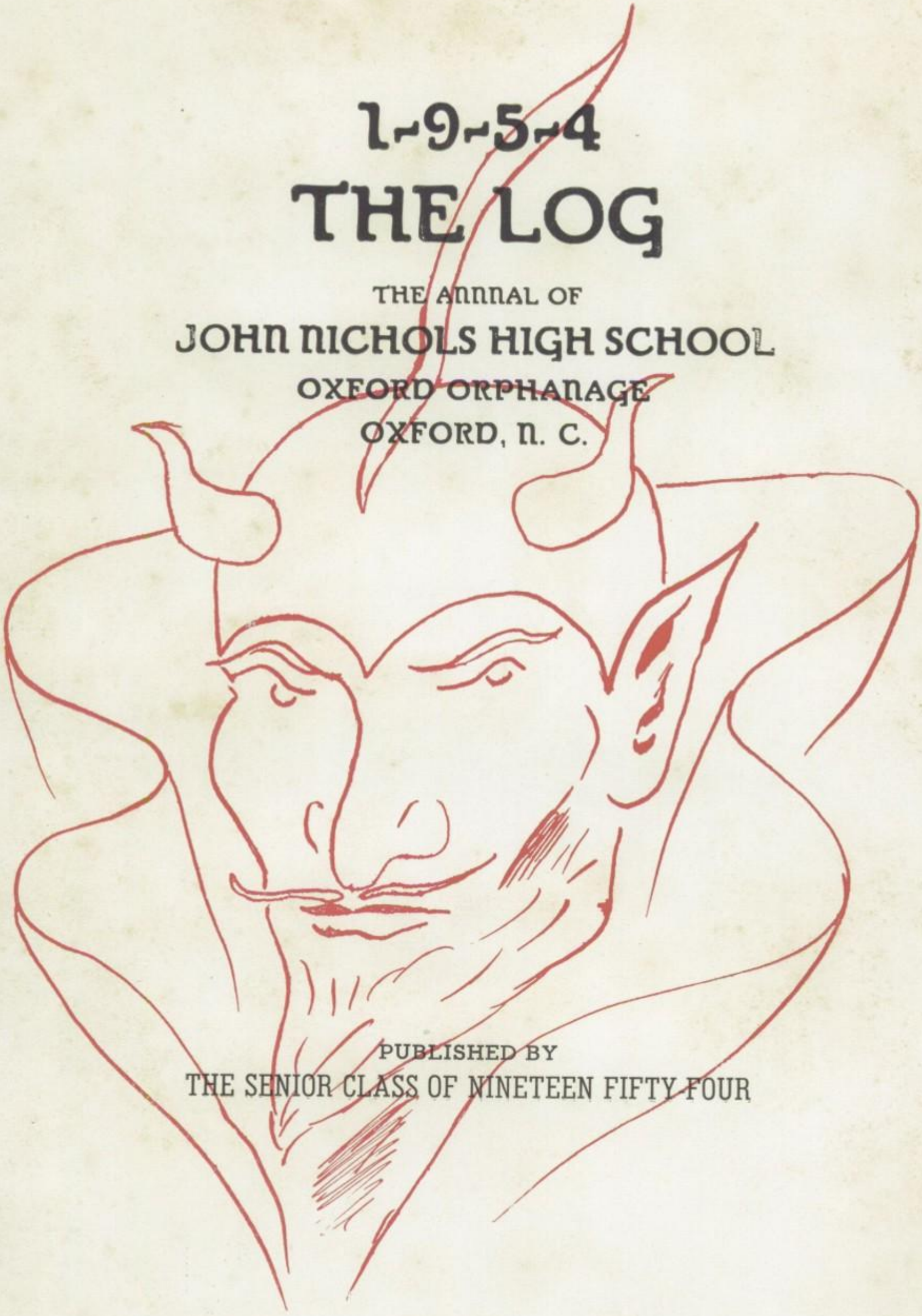

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FOREWORD

Spring and graduation are rolling around the corner and the time has come to record another year's work. The pattern set for days at John Nichols High School sifts into a recipe of memories and happiness—changing of classes . . . club meetings . . . assembly programs . . . pep meetings . . . athletic events . . . speaking contests and debating . . . Hallowe'en carnival . . . dramatics.

These thoughts and so many more equally pleasant ones return whenever John Nichols High School is mentioned, but how wonderful it is to have a source to which one may refer for fond recollections and memories.

To all our friends, we say "Thank You" for your kind cooperation. May our volume of The Log provide, in its small way, a reward for your consideration of us in our efforts.

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MRS. EDITH SCOTT TOMBLIN

Nurse

Hicks Memorial Hospital

Came to Oxford Orphanage—May, 1924

Retired from Active Service—December, 1953

DEDICATION

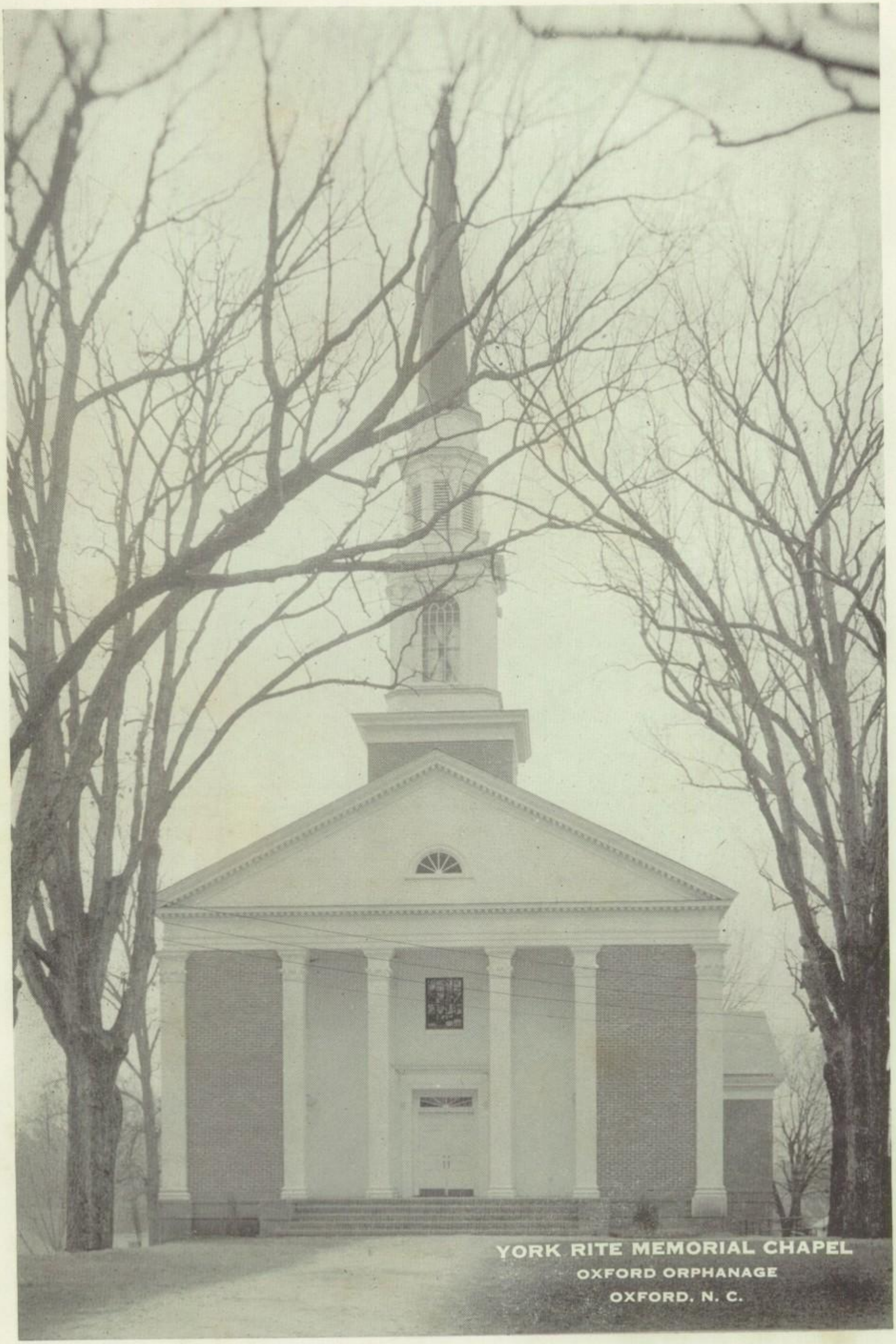
Fortunate is he who has the words to sincerely express appreciation and gratitude to those who have so generously given the very best in service and loyalty!

We wish that we were able to completely express our thanks and love for one who has so untiringly devoted thirty years of her best efforts in helping us to keep well and strong, as well as to grow into good citizens.

Mrs. Edith Scott Tomblin, who was our nurse, retired December 12, 1953 but we can never forget her keen interest in our welfare and the kindness shown us through the years.

It is with the deepest appreciation and most sincere thanks that we, the Class of 1954, affectionately dedicate our volume of The Log to our dear friend

MRS. EDITH SCOTT TOMBLIN



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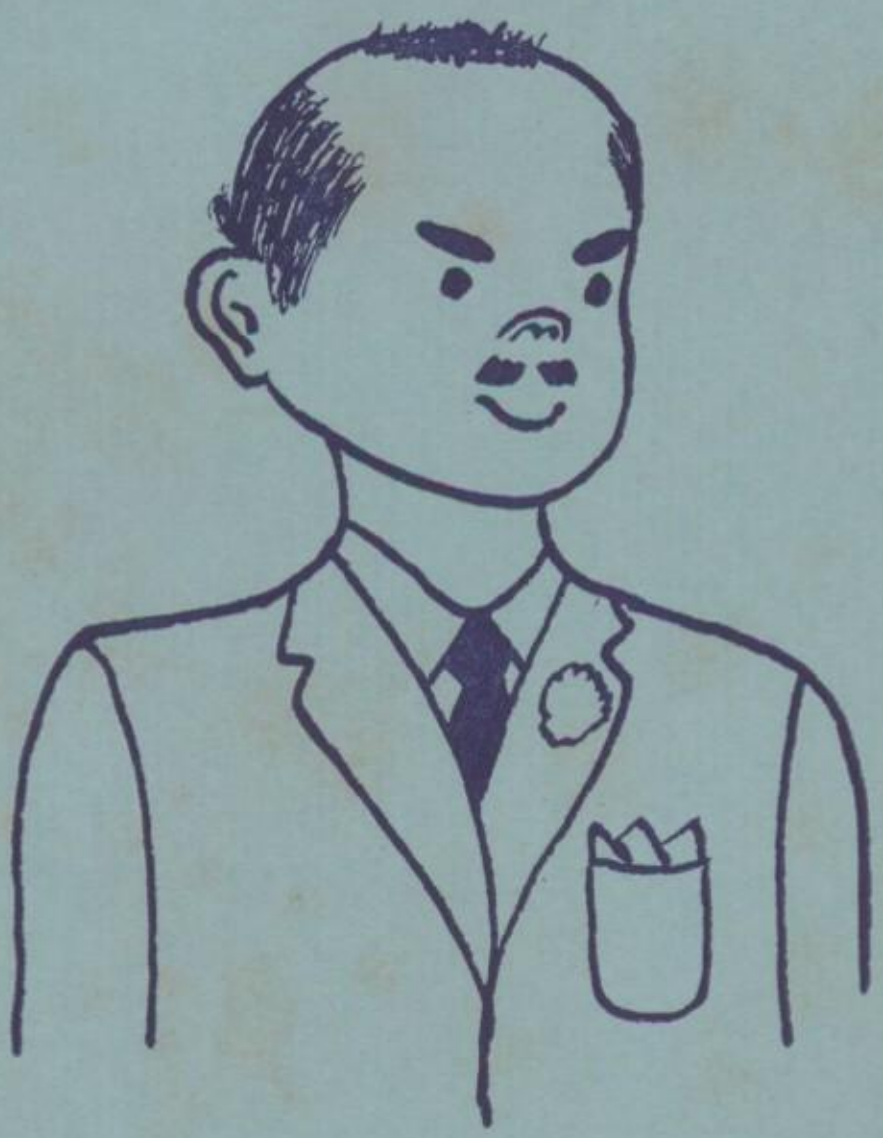

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Superintendent of Oxford City Schools

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Principal of John Nichols School

Assistant Superintendent of Oxford Orphanage

A.B., Elon College; Graduate Study University of North Carolina and Duke University.

IN APPRECIATION FOR
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEVOTION TO DUTY

"Say It with Flowers!" yes, but we want to "Say It with words!" Yet we find such a source inadequate to express our most sincere appreciation to Mr. E. T. Regan, our assistant superintendent, and also principal. We realize we owe a debt to him that can never be paid in terms of money, but we do have the opportunity to pay in part by proving ourselves worthy of all he has done for us.

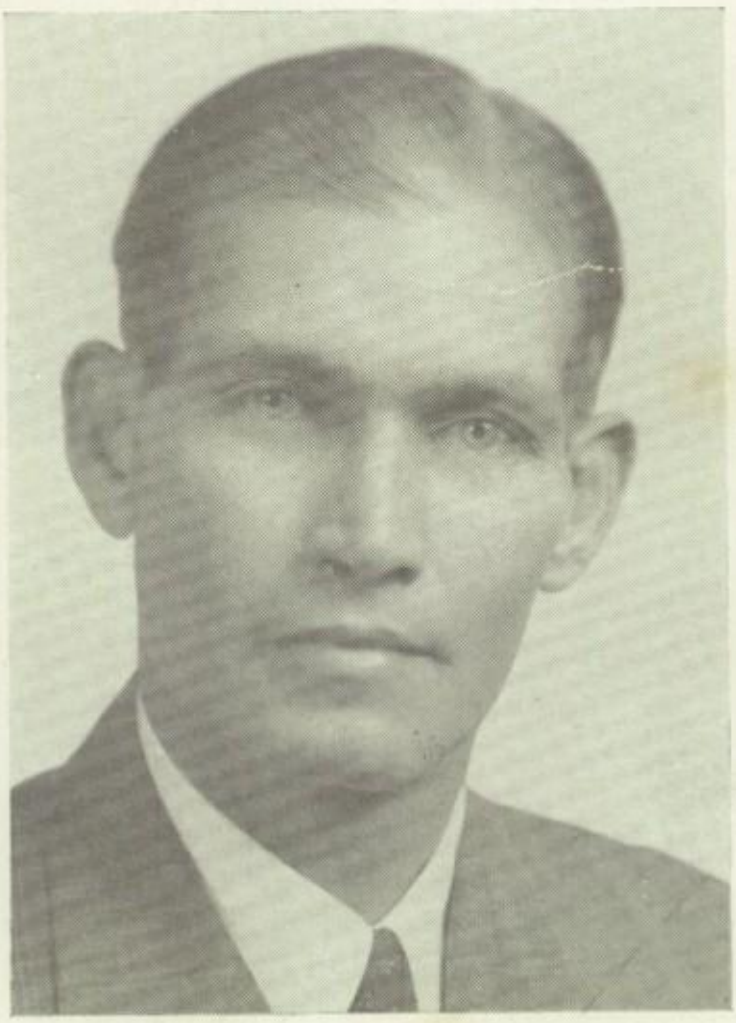
Throughout the years he has given of his best in helping us to have a richer and fuller life. We have always found him understanding and willing to direct us along the right way.

During the twenty-five years he has been with us, he has most ably served in many capacities, thus, he has made thousands of friends who today hold him in highest esteem and admiration.

As we, the Class 1954, express our thanks to Mr. Regan for every word of encouragement, every inspiration, and every deed of kindness, we know we are speaking for every child and member of the Oxford Orphanage staff.

In extending our thanks, we also include our every good wish for years of happiness and success.

Grateful are we for such a friend!



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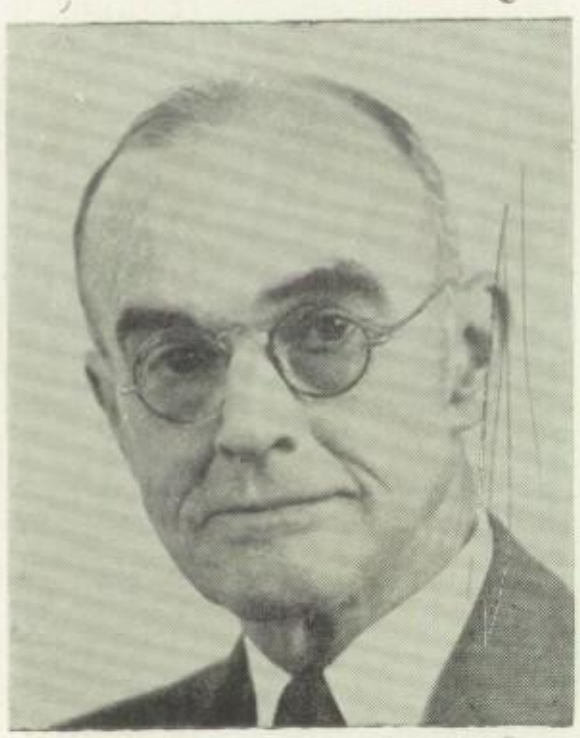

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English and Latin

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Instructor in Electrical Engineering

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A.B.; Elon College.

MRS. MAURICE ADAMS

A.B.; East Carolina College

English

JOHN NICHOLS HIGH SCHOOL

SENIORS

Myrtle A. Minor - June 2, 1954
T. R. Adams -
Charlotte Neell
Dave Perrin Brogton, Georgia 6-2-54

It has been nice knowing you. Best of luck. Mrs. Currie.

SENIOR CLASS

—Ψ—

"We know what we are, but not what we may be."

COLORS—*Blue and Gray* FLOWER—*Aster*

JUDY MANGUM SUTTON, *Mascot*

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RUTH REINITZ ..... *Vice-President*

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TOMMY JONES ..... *Class Prophet*

JOHN BELK ..... *Class Testator*

VIOLET SOWERS ..... *Class Poet*

RUSSELL SMITH ..... *Class Historian*

MRS. LUTHER A. LIGON, *Home Room Teacher*

MASCOT

JUDY MANGUM SUTTON

Baby Cottage—Oxford Orphanage

CUM MAGNA LAUDE

JULIA ADCOCK
Valedictorian

RUTH REINITZ
Salutatorian

JULIA VIRGINIA ADCOCK

President

Oxford, N. C.

"A true and noble friendship shrinks not at the greatest of trials."

Girls' Recitation-Declamation Contest, 1, 2, 3, 4; World Peace Contest, 2, 3; Honorable Mention in World Peace Contest, 4; President of Nettie N. Bemis Club, 3; Member of G. B. Summers Club, 1, 2; Vice-President of G. B. Summers Club, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Class President, 3; 4; District Music Meet, 1, 2; Christmas Pageant, 1, 2, 4; Spring Concert, 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Editor of The Log, 4; Letter Student, 3; Letter with Two Stars, 4; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Recitation-Declamation Contest, 4; Softball, 1; Captain Ball, 1; Volley Ball, 1; Basketball, 1; Chief Marshal, 3; Vice-President of Student Council, 3.

RUTH ROSALIE REINITZ

Vice-President

Oxford, N. C.

"Attempt the end and never stand to doubt; nothing's so hard but search will find it out."

G. B. Summers Club, 1, 2; Nettie N. Bemis Club, 3; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Commencement Marshal 3; Vice-President of Class, 4.

Miss Hamlet you are the best clothing teacher we ever had! Tommy

THOMAS LEON JONES

Secretary

Belmont, North Carolina

"That's a valiant flea that dares eat his breakfast on the lip of a lion."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 1, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 2, 4; Critic of Nettie N. Bemis Club, 1; Secretary of G. B. Summers Club, 4; High School Play, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; District Music Meet, 1, 2; Christmas Pageant, 1, 2; Representative to Student Council, 3; President of Student Council, 4; Secretary of Class, 4; Boy Scouts, 1; Commencement Marshal, 3; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain Varsity Football and Baseball Squads, 4; Member of Conference Football Champions, 4; Varsity Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Baseball, 1, 2, 3, 4; American Legion Baseball, 1, 2; East-West Game, 4; Class Prophet, 4; Granville County Representative in Competition for UNC Morehead Scholarship, 4; Patriotic Speech Contest, 4; Business Manager of The Log, 4; Intra-mural Basketball, 2, 3, 4.

FRED WILSON MCLENDON

Treasurer

Kannapolis, North Carolina

"Patience and fortitude conquer all things."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 1, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 2, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Meet, 1, 2; Christmas Pageant, 1, 2, 3, 4; Humor Editor of The Log, 4; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer of Class, 4; North Carolina Music Contest Festival, 1; Member of Conference Champs Football Team, 4; Member of Boys' Quartet, 1, 2, 3, 4; Spring Concert, 1, 2, 3, 4.

Mary Ruth Nichols

MARY RUTH NICHOLS

Historian

North Wilkesboro, N. C.

"It is not the things from without but the things from within that enslave a man."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 1, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 2, 4; Glee Club, 2, 3, 4; Secretary of Glee Club, 3; Secretary of Class, 3; Girls' Sports Editor of Log Staff, 4; District Music Meet, 2; Christmas Pageant, 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Recitation Declamation Contest, 1, 2, 3, 4; World Peace Contest, 2; Letter Student with One Star, 4; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council Representative, 4; Class Historian, 4.

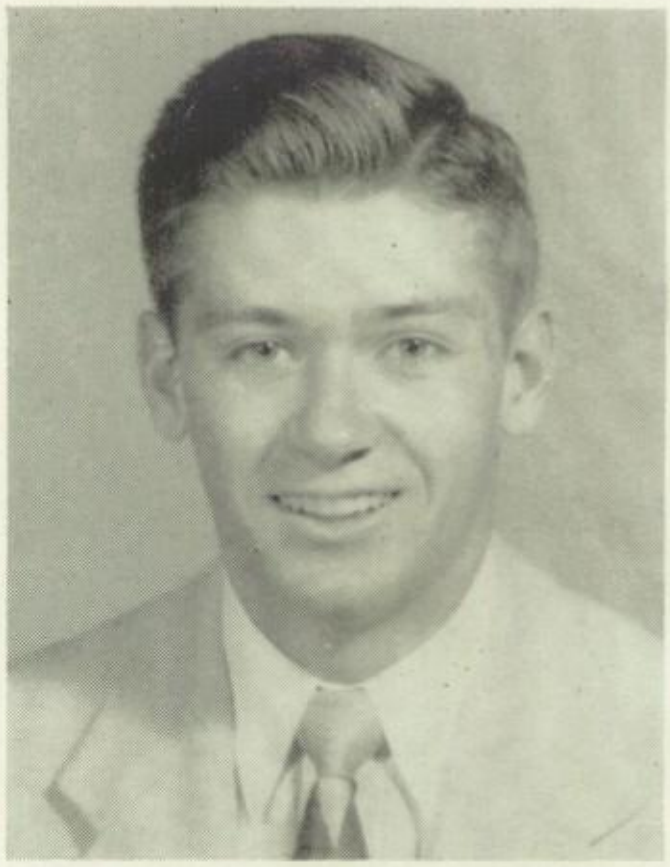
JOHN NEWSOME BELK

Testator

Greensboro, N. C.

"God is the only sure foundation upon which man can rest."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 1, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 2, 4; Glee Club, 2, 3; District Music Meet, 2; Christmas Pageant, 2; Boy Scouts, 1; Vice-President of Class, 1, 2; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Declamation Contest, 3; Honorable Mention for Boys' Declamation Contest, 3; Honorable Mention for Boys' Declamation Contest, 4; Honorable Mention for Senior Recitation-Declamation Contest, 4; Associate-Editor of the Log, 4; Commencement Marshal, 3; High School Play, 4; Class Testator, 4.



Miss Hamlet,
Wish me luck
now. Thanks for
for all Love
done for me. Violet

VIOLET NELL SOWERS

Poet

Kinston, N. C.

"A gentle touch, a kindly lift, makes a very precious gift."

G. B. Summers Club, 1, 2, 4; Secretary of Nettie N. Bemis Club, 3; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council, 1, 3; Treasurer of Class, 2; Vice-President of Class, 3; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Volley Ball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain Ball, 1, 2, 3; Girls' Recitation Contest, 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Recitation-Declamation Contest, 4; Christmas Pageant, 1, 2, 4; Spring Concert, 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Meet, 1, 2; Letter Student, 3; Letter with One Star, 4; Business Manager of Log, 4; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Poet, 4.

IVERY RUSSELL SMITH

Giftorian

Roxboro, N. C.

"Stand up; be seen; speak; be heard; shut up and be appreciated."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 1, 2, 4; Glee Club, 1; District Music Meet, 1; President of Class, 1; Secretary of Class, 2; Treasurer of Class, 3; Treasurer of Student Council, 2; Christmas Pageant, 1; Boys' Declamation Contest, 1, 2; Honorable mention in Boys' Declamation Contest, 3; World Peace Contest, 1; Letter Student, 3; American Junior Red Cross 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Boy Scouts, 1; Class Giftorian, 4.

Hi Miss Hamlet, I think you're about one of the nicest ladies I've ever met. May the best of everything come your way.

Love,
Russ
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JAMES LUTHER BARKER

Oxford, N. C.

"In this world it is not what we take, but what we give up, that makes us rich."

Treasurer of Nettie N. Bemis Club, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 1, 2, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 4; District Music Meet, 1, 2; Christmas Pageant, 1, 2, 4; Member of Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Representative from G. B. Summers Club to the Student Council, 4; Varsity Baseball, 1, 2; Spring Concert, 1, 2, 4.

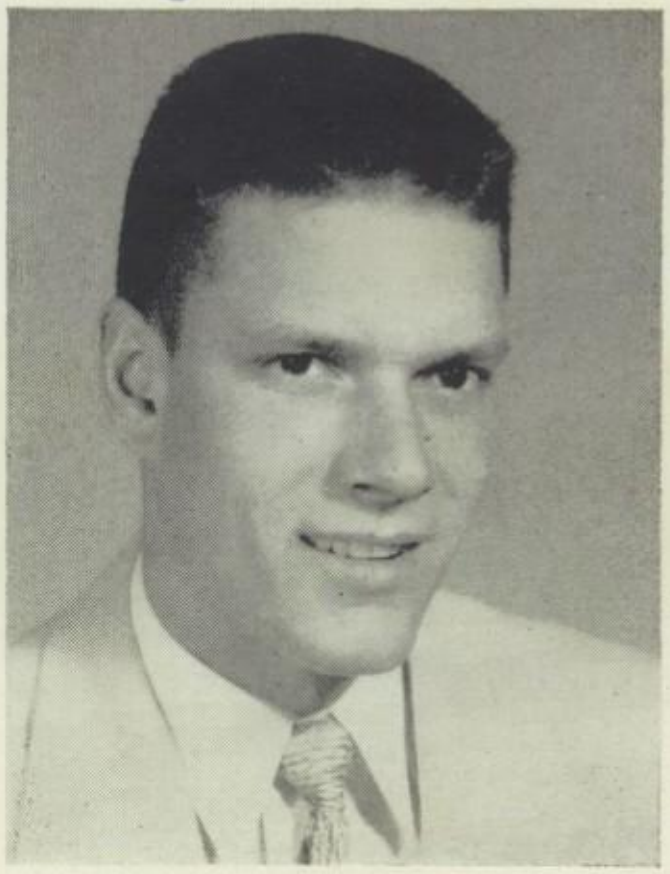
BILLY RAY COBB

Angier, N. C.

"Neither the praise nor the blame is our own."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 1, 3; Reporter in G. B. Summers Club, 2, 4; Editor-in-chief of The Log, 4; District Music Meet, 2; Glee Club, 2, 3; Varsity Football, 1, 2, 3; Varsity Baseball, 1, 2, 3; American Legion Baseball, 2; Semi-pro Baseball, 3; Defensive Award in Football, 3; High School Play, 4; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Varsity Coach, 4; Christmas Pageant, 2; Honorable Mention in Patriotic Speech Contest, 4.

Mrs. Hamlet,
You're one of the
sweetest persons I have
ever had the pleasure of
meeting. Thanks for
everything and much love.
One of your boys.
Steve



STEVE ELLIS DEAN

Durham, North Carolina

"Pride is increased by ignorance; those assume the most who know the least."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 1, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 2, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Meet, 1, 2, 4; Christmas Pageant, 1, 2, 4; Secretary of Class, 1; Boy Scouts, 1; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3. 4; Varsity Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Baseball, 2, 3, 4; Sports Editor of The Log, 4; Boys' Quartet, 3, 4; Spring Concert, 1, 2, 3, 4.

SERENA LEIGH FAUCETTE

Oxford, North Carolina

"Believe in God and He will help you. Help others and they will in return help you."

Glee Club, 1, 4; World Peace Contest, 3; Nettie N. Bemis Club, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 1, 2, 4; Girls' Recitation Contest, 1; Patriotic Speech Contest, 4; Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Meet, 1; Chrsitmas Pageant, 1.

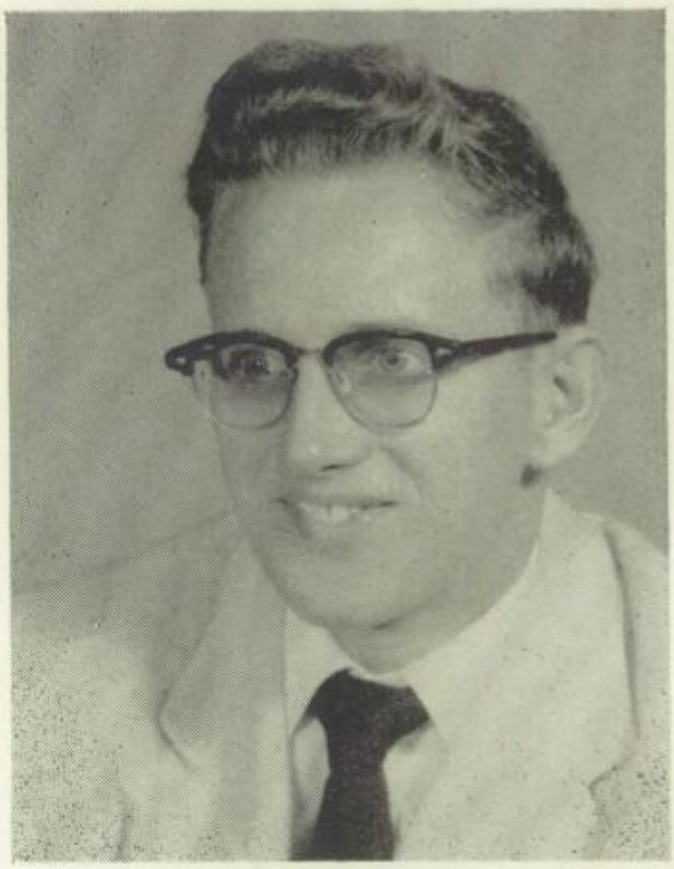
Dear Mr Hamlet.
I appreciate all the nice things you have done for me. I have enjoyed knowing you for you are a wonderful person.
Ellie.

ELVIRA BERNICE FREDERICK

Roxboro, N. C.

"There is nothing so powerful as truth and often nothing so strange."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 1, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 2, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Meet, 1, 2; Christmas Pageant, 1, 2, 4; Senior Recitation-Declamation Contest, 4; Basketball, 1, 2, 4; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball, 1, 2, 4; Volley Ball, 1, 2, 4; Spring Concert, 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheer Leader, 2.



CECIL FERRELL GENTRY

Red Springs, N. C.

"The best policy ever known is to speak only when spoken to."

Red Springs High School:
Chief Marshal, 2; Varsity Baseball, 1, 2, 3; Varsity Football, 2; Varsity Basketball, 1, 2; American Legion Baseball, 1; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3; School Bus Driver, 2; Glee Club, 1, 2.

John Nichols High School:
National Guard, 4; Varsity Baseball, 4; American Junior Red Cross, 4.

mrs Hamlet,
Sure hope you will like good to all of the boys when it comes to fixing Clothes, You are a wonderful person
Oliver

OLIVER OLAIN GIBBS

Englehard, N. C.

"He who has not the spirit of his age has all the misery of it."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 1, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 2, 4; District Music Meet, 1, 2, 4; Christmas Pageant, 1, 2, 4; North Carolina Music Contest Festival, 1; Spring Concert, 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer, 1; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Boy Scouts, 1; Boys' Quartet, 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Baseball, 1, 2, 3, 4; American Legion Junior Baseball, 2; Captain Baseball Squad, 4; Intra-mural Basketball, 4.

AUDREY YVONNE HARRIS

Oxford. N. C.

"You shall have your desires with interest."

Declamation Contest, 2; G. B. Summers Club, 1, 2, 4; Nettie N. Bemis Club, 3; Glee Club, 1. 2, 3, 4; Music Contest, 1, 2; Christmas Pageant, 1, 2; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Spring Concert, 1, 2, 3. 4.

CLARA IDELL LAMB

Raleigh, N. C.

"Friendliness is a stepping stone to success."

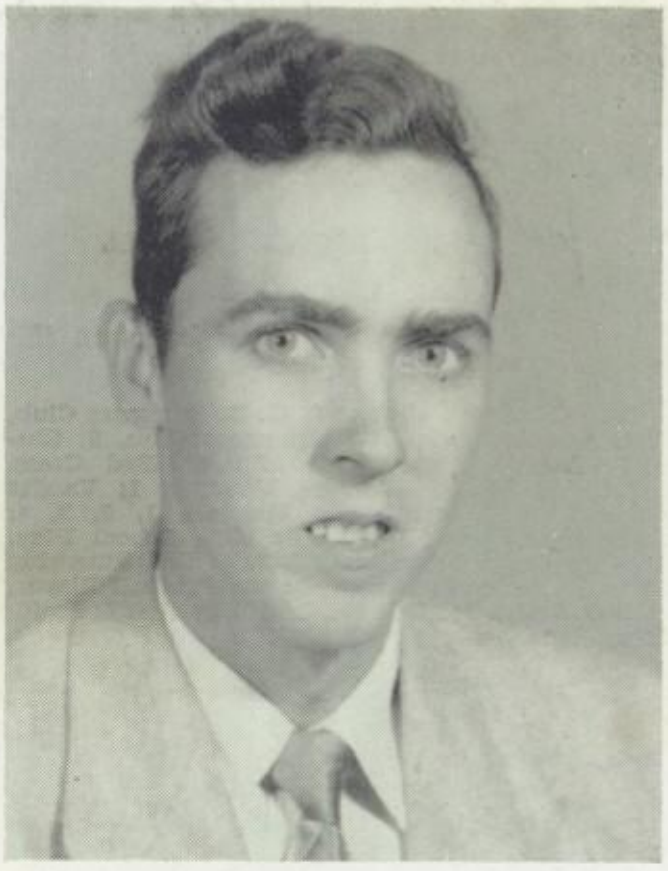
Girls' Recitation-Declamation Contest, 1; Honorable Mention in Girls' Recitation Contest, 2; Honorable Mention in Girls' Recitation Contest, 3; Winner of Oxford Orphanage Medal in Girls' Recitation-Declamation Contest, 4; Senior Recitation-Declamation Contest, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; World Peace Contest, 1; Nettie N. Bemis Club, 1; Vice-President of Nettie N. Bemis Club, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 2, 4; Feature Editor of the Log, 4; District Music Meet, 1, 2; Letter Student, 4; Letter Student with One Star, 4; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, ,3, 4; Softball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Volley Ball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain Ball, 1, 2, 3,; High School Play, 4; Christmas Pageant, 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheer Leader, 3; Chief Cheer Leader, 4; Spring Concert, 1, 2, 3, 4.

EMMA ANN MOFFITT

Southern Pines, N. C.

"Give me the courage to change the things I can, the serenity to accept the things I can't, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 1, 2, 4; Vice-President of the G. B. Summers Club, 2; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; District Music Meet, 1, 2; Christmas Pageant, 1, 2, 3; Girls' Recitation-Declamation Contest, 3, 4; Senior Recitation-Declamation Contest, 4; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Volley Ball, 1, 2, 3; Captain Ball, 1, 2, 3; Captain of Basketball team, 3.



Bobby Morgan

Oxford, N. C.

"Look up and not down, look forward and not back; look out and not in; and lend a hand."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 3; G. B. Summers Club 1, 2, 4; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Declamation Contest, 4; Senior Recitation-Declamation Contest, 4; National Guard, 2, 3, 4.

CARROLL LAVERNE MUMFORD

Pikeville, N. C.

"We know the faces of many, but the hearts of none."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 1, 2, 4; President of G. B. Summers Club, 2; President of Class; 2; Letter Student, 4; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football, 1, 2, 3; Captain of Varsity Football, 3; Varsity Baseball, 1, 2, 3; Captain of Varsity Baseball, 2, 3; American Legion Baseball, 1, 2; Helped Coach the "Bone Crushers," 4.

I have enjoyed meeting a nice wonderful Lady.
Carroll Mumford

Hi Miss Hamlet,
You were very nice to me and helped me a lot. Next to my Mother you are next. If you dress the rest of the children like you did me then there will be some nice looking children.

RICHARD MALCOLM POWELL

Charlotte, N. C.

"A friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 1 3; G. B. Summers Club, 2, 4; Secretary of G. B. Summers Club, 2; Student Council, 1; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Baseball Manager, 1; Varsity Baseball, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain of Football Team, 4; High School Play, 4; Intra-mural Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Sportsmanship Fooball Trophy, 3; Most Valuable Football Player, 4; Boy Scout, 1; Club Editor of Log Staff,4; Senior Play, 4.

MARTHA ANN JEAN ROBINSON

Bryson City, N. C.

"I love the name of honor more than I fear death."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 1, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 2, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Meet, 1, 2; Christmas Pageant, 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Recitation-Declamation Contest, 1, 2, 3, 4; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 1, 2, 3; 4; Volley Ball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain Ball, 1, 2, 3; Softball, 1, 2, 3; Senior Recitation-Declamation Contest, 4; Spring Concert, 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play, 4.

Miss Hamlet,
I sure do appreciate all the clothes you gave me. Thanks a million,
Carroll

CARROLL REVERE SHEFFIELD

Beulaville, N. C.

"Behold the turtle; he only makes progress when his neck is out!"

Nettie N. Bemis, 1, 3; Vice-President Nettie N. Bemis Club, 1; G. B. Summers Club, 2, 4; Treasurer G. B. Summers Club, 2; Student Council 1; Boy Scouts, 1; Glee Club, 1; Christmas Pageant, 1; Baseball Manager, 1; American Junior Red Cross, 4; Intra-mural Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football, 2, 3, 4; Guest at N. C.—S. C. Contest, 4; Spring Concert, 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play, 4.

SHEILA WARREN SIMPSON

Jacksonville, N. .C

"To seek, to strive, to find, and not to yield."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 1, 2, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Meet, 1, 2, 4; Christmas Pageant, 1, 2, 4; Art Editor of The Log, 4; Girls' Recitation-Declamation Contest, 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Recitation-Declamation Contest, 4; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Representative to Student Council, 4; Soft Ball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Volley Ball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain Ball, 1, 2, 3, 4; High School Play, 4; Senior Play, 4.

Mrs. Hamlet,
I sure have enjoyed knowing you.
See you at Watts.
Love,
Sheila

Dear Mrs. Hanks,
Thanks for everything. I will always remember you as a good friend and person. Hope to see you before too long. Best wishes always.
Love,
Rachel

IDA RACHEL SMITH
Roxboro, N. C.

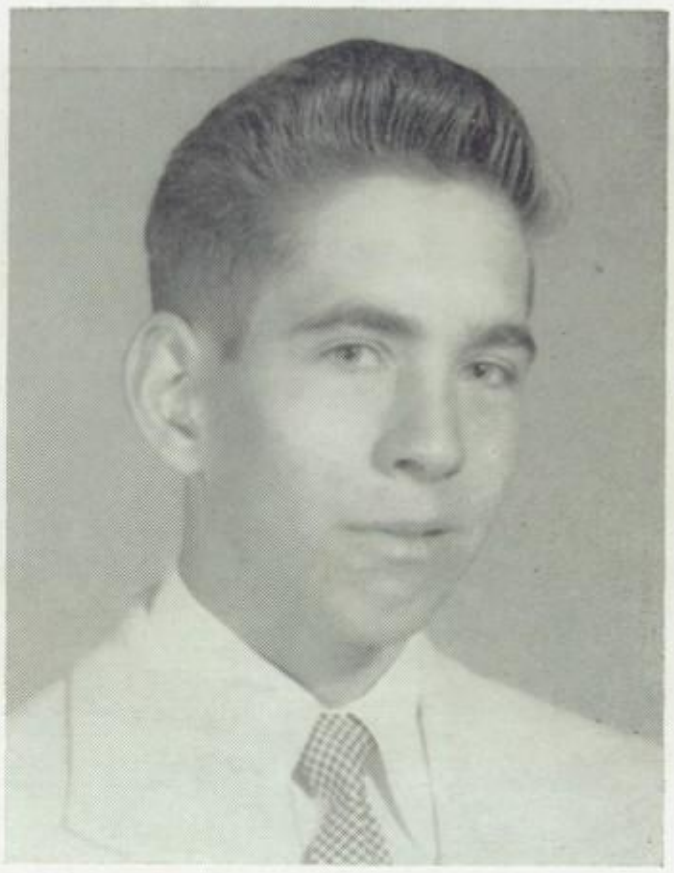
"Sorrow and silence are strong and patient endurance is Godlike".

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 1, 2, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; District Music Contest, 1, 2, 4; Photograph Editor of Log, 4; Christmas Pageant, 1, 2, 3, 4; Honorable Mention in Girls' Recitation-Declamation Contest, 4; Winner of Oxford Kiwanis Medal, 4; World Peace Contest, 2, 4; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 1, 2; Captain of Basketball Team, 2; Volley Ball, 1, 2; Captain Ball, 1, 2; Softball, 1, 2; Spring Concert, 1 ,2, 3, 4; Cheer Leader, 3, 4.

GLENN THOMAS SNIDER
Gastonia, N. C.

"Anyone can do a little thing, but only a man can do a hard thing."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 1, 2, 4; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Football, 1, 2, 3; Varsity Baseball, 3; Coach of Junior Varsity, 4.



JOHN PRESTON TAYLOR

Oxford, N. C.

"A man is one that lets nothing overwhelm him."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 1, 2, 4; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Declamation Contest, 1, 2; Christmas Pageant, 1.

MARGARET RAE WARREN

Washington, N. C.

"I would give more for the private esteem and love of one than for the public praise of ten thousand."

Nettie N. Bemis Club, 1, 3; G. B. Summers Club, 2, 4; Softball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Volley Ball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain Ball, 1, 2; American Junior Red Cross, 1, 2, 3, 4.

SUPERLATIVES

CLARA LAMB
Prettiest

BILLY RAY COBB
Handsomest

EMMA MOFFITT
DICKIE POWELL
Most Popuar

JEAN ROBINSON
TOMMY JONES
Most Athletic

SUPERLATIVES

SHEILA SIMPSON
FERRELL GENTRY
Biggest Flirts

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RUTH REINITZ
Quietest

SERENA FAUCETTE
Most Dependable
STEVE DEAN
Biggest Pest

MARY RUTH NICHOLS
OLIVER GIBBS
Friendliest

SUPERLATIVES

PRESTON TAYLOR
AUDREY HARRIS
Most Congenial

BOBBY MORGAN
Best Personality
JAMES BARKER
Tallest

WINNERS OF SCHOLARSHIPS

JOHN BELK

$2,000 Scholarship for a four-year program of study in Ceramic Engineering at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N. C.

STEVE DEAN

Scholarship for four years at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.

TOMMY JONES

Scholarship from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

OVER MY SHOULDER

Looking over my shoulder, I see dimly forty inexperienced travelers starting on a very important journey. What would be the nature of this journey? Mr. Regan convinced us that on top of a mountain there were some sheepskins worthy of our efforts in climbing.

Feeling the need for leaders and guides, we chose Russell Smith, president; John Belk, vice-president; Stephen Dean, secretary; and Oliver Gibbs, treasurer, and we asked Miss Pender, Mr. Currin, Mr. Talton, and Mr. Wilson to be our guides. Mr. Wilson thought we were hopeless and gave his job over to Mr. Austell, who, we think, did an excellent job.

Several members joined the various clubs, speaking contests, and teams, but did not reach the headlines, chiefly because of the lack of experience.

In the beginning of the second year, although we had lost several, we began with great anticipations. This time we chose Carroll Mumford, president; John Belk, vice-president; Russell Smith, secretary, and Violet Sowers, treasurer.

Mrs. Ligon, Miss Pender, Mr. Talton, Mr. Currin, and Mr. Austell boosted us on this year.

Even though many felt they were not public speakers, Clara Lamb was selected as one of the Honorable Mentions in the Girls' Recitation Contest. Elvira Frederick was one of the cheer leaders to help cheer our boys on to a more successful year with Mr. Austell as our new Coach. The baseball squad closed their season with ten victories and three defeats.

As we neared the end of the tenth grade, we realized that there lay before us the most interesting part of the adventure—Junior! It sounded great.

Our number had decreased to twenty-seven.

These were our officers: Julia Adcock, president; Violet Sowers, vice-president; Mary Ruth Nichols , secretary, and Russell Smith, treasurer.

Now our names began to appear in the headlines. Clara Lamb won Honorable Mention in the Girls' Recitation Contest; Russell Smith, in the Boys' Declamation Contest; Rachel Smith and Clara Lamb were cheer leaders, and Carroll Mumford was one of the captains of the football squad.

We enjoyed giving the Seniors the annual Junior-Senior banquet, with music furnished by Pat Hedgepeth's band.

Honor is really attached to being selected a marshal for this choice is based on highest scholarship. Our Commencement Marshals were Julia Adcock, chief; John Belk, Ruth Reinitz, Tommy Jones, and Mary Ruth Nichols.

We had now reached the top of the hill; we could see the sheepskins. So much to be done this last year, and we realized it.

Clara Lamb won the Oxford Orphanage Medal with "Fisherman's Luck", and Rachel Smith, the Oxford Kiwanis Club Medal. Her speech was "Littlest Orphan and the Christ Baby." John Belk, with "Enoch's Walk", won honorable mention in the Boys' Declamation Contest, also in the Senior Recitation-Declamation Contest. In the World Peace Speaking Program, Julia Adcock received second place.

Mrs. Ligon was our home room teacher. Mr. Talton, Mr. Currin, and Mrs. Blackwell, also helped us along our way.

Julia Adcock served as our president; Ruth Reinitz, vice-president; Tommy Jones, secretary; and Fred McLendon, treasurer.

At the Football Banquet, several of the senior boys received letters. Clara Lamb and Rachel Smith each received a pen for being the Senior cheer leaders.

What a delightful time we had when the Juniors honored us on April 30 with the Junior-Senior Banquet, in Hawaiian style! An orchestra from Henderson furnished the music and we had a most enjoyable time.

With forty in the beginning, only twenty-eight attained the goal and claimed the much prized sheepskins. We reached out with great pride for this reward because we felt that we had made an accomplishment.

As we take our departure, we wish to say "Thanks" to all who have taught or advised us. You, too, have helped us reach our goal.

THE SILVER LINING

Seniors, I have wondered about you for a long time. I have watched the heavens; I have gazed at the church steeples etched against the sky; I have watched the planes and the birds sailing among the fleecy clouds; I have watched the leaves in the wind and I have seen the huge pages of the picture framed in the sky, so I have been able to follow your future lives.

In my wanderings in the fair month of April, 1964, as I sat in a famous night club of Chinquapin, I heard a familiar voice crooning from the stage. Lo and behold, there was "Little Shortydog" Sheffield advertising in his crooner's way a new product "Was There", a shaving lather that completely "erases" all signs of beard. After informing him that I was now Dean at the Greater University of North Carolina, we began talking of our ol' classmates. Here's what was heard and said 'twixt us:

"Harper, did you know Billy Ray Cobb is now the star outfielder for the Detroit Tigers?" I replied, "Naw, I knew he was a real fan for them, but I never thought he'd make it. By the way, Shorty, I had a motor rewound at Carroll Mumford's electric shop. He surely can fix motors."

When I asked if he had heard anything from ol' Dickie Powell, he answered, "Yeah, they tell me he's playing football down at Catawba, and by the way, Steve Dean, our other halfback on our conference winning team, is now in the Florida State Univeresity Football Hall of Fame."

Clara Lamb, the prettiest girl in our grade, is playing a leading role in M-G-M's latest, "Life at Oxford."

Margaret Warren joined the WAC; she really likes to march.

Jean Robinson has returned to Bryson City and is now loving all the boys in "dem thar hills".

James Barker and Audrey Harris have a monopoly on College Street. They bought every house on the left hand side of the highway.

Rachel and Russell Smith, our class twins, are in the North Carolina Memorial Hospital. Russell is a distinguished surgeon in the operating room, while Rachel is superintendent of nurses.

I was interested to learn what Ferrell Gentry was doing. I wondered if he ever got married. Shorty said, "Naw, he's still cleaning rifles for the National Guard."

Since "'Shorty" had traveled extensively doing his crooning and advertising, I felt he had more to tell me, and upon my insisting I gained more satisfaction in increasing my knowledge for I learned that Fred McLendon is singing at night and receiving a salary of two hundred dollars a week for printing. Glenn Snider is his left hand man.

Bobby Morgan is running a used car lot in North Oxford. He has all makes and models.

Julia Adcock and Ruth Reinitz are professors at Yale and Harvard Universities respectively. We hope the rivalry between the two 'fessors isn't as great as that between the two schools.

Mary Ruth Nichols having completed her training at Duke Hospital, was successful in finding her husband; he was not so young but oh, the money!

Violet Sowers, after graduating from the Baptist Hospital, returned

to her Alma Mater as head nurse in Hicks Memorial Hospital. She was able to prescribe vitamins that would provide pupils with "book knowledge" so that they did not have to have study hour at night. What a blessing she was!

Shelia Simpson, a pretty Watts Hospital nurse, was considered the biggest flirt while at John Nichols. Even though we gave her that honor she has never married. No matter if there were a handsome young man waiting at the altar, Sheila could never be on time.

Emma Moffitt is now pilot of the Moffittmobile. She does the driving while her mother and the other Moffitts enjoy the scenery.

John Belk, who studied Ceramic Engineering at N. C. State College, has discovered a new way to make bowls for noodle soup. He still finds time to practice voice. His favorite song is "Dub-Dub-Dee-Dub."

Serena Faucette finally married the old Air Force "crush of her. P. S. He had all his discharge checks in his pocket.

Preston Taylor has now moved to Hester and set up Taylor's Inn, a link in the chain store of Village Inn.

Oliver Gibbs is the owner of three flourishing shoe shops; one in Engelhard, another in Oxford, and the third in Dien Bien Phu, where Oliver is stationed.

Elvira Frederick, who always had the ability to turn boys' heads, is now turning the sculptor's chisel into the stone.

Judy Sutton, our mascot, was recently chosen as Miss Granville County. All the boys of the Class of '54 predicted that.

Having heard all of this, I decided to moved on and leave Sheffield at his work commercializing.

To have achieved their goals and desires my fellow class mates had to have dreams and I am sure in their efforts they found the silver lining.

TO THOSE WHO FOLLOW

"In the lexicon of youth, which Fate reserves
For a bright manhood, there is no such word
as—Fail."

Knowing that we shall soon cease to exist as the Senior Class of this school, and wishing to make sure that the treasures and keepsakes that we have accumulated in-one way or another during all these years will fall into appreciative hands, we have made and executed our will in the most approved manner, in the hopes that there may be no litigation after we have passed from this scene of action.

Here it is—please give heed to the reading thereof.

THE WILL

We, the members of the Senior Class of John Nichols High School of Oxford Orphanage, having been thoroughly examined and tested by capable psychiatrists and brain specialists and pronounced reasonably sane and able to negotiate such an important and vital document, do hereby execute and declare this to be our last will and testament, and do hereby declare all previous wills, if any, or promises made by us, individually or collectively, and whether verbal or written, to be null and void. We also declare that all bequests and provisions in this document have been made with careful deliberation, consideration and unmitigation, to wit:

ITEM I

We bequeath to our parents our deepest gratitude for all the sacrifices they have made in our behalf, in order that we may be given an education to fit us for our life careers. At first we did not fully realize all the hardships and worries that our heedlessness or thoughtlessnes at times caused them. But now that we have grown older and wiser, we want them to know that we appreciate all that they have done for us.

ITEM II

To the faculty and school officials we bequeath our sincere apologies for all the headaches and heartaches they may have suffered in the training and development of our youthful minds. We realize that it has been a tremendous—yea, an almost overwhelming task—but they have done a good job of it. They have accomplished wonderful results, as you can see for yourself. If there have been any frivolous activities in our school career we take refuge in the saying of wiser men than ourselves, admitting, of course, that there are such, namely: "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men", and again, "All study and no foolishness makes Jack a dull boy", and still again, "A healthy person is an active person", and we have been very healthy as a class.

To the teachers and instructors, also goes the satisfaction that comes from developing great minds as must have been the case with the instructors of Webster and Clay and Jefferson.

ITEM III

Especially to our worthy principal do we bequeath the memories of this marvelous and outstanding class with the feeling that the wonderful achievements of each and every member of said class will be so great that they will reflect upon him and make him equally famous. The mere mention of the fact that he was connected with this class will be be a passport to his future success, and a source of great pleasure and satisfaction in his old age.

ITEM IV

We also bequeath our most humble apologies to Mark Spencer, the custodian of the school building, for any mischief that we may have perpetrated in and about the building which may have inconvenienced him in any way. If there have been any such occasions we wish to assure him that it was done only in a spirit of innocent fun and not for spite or malice. He is a good scout and has been most patient with us, over looking our pranks and frivolity, if such it may be called. But, after all, have we committed any serious depredations?

ITEM V

We hereby bequeath to the Juniors all the requisites and attachments and properties that proverbially belong to the Senior Class, such as the Key of knowledge, The Class Mantle, the Lamp of Wisdom, and many other articles. In thus turning these valued articles over to the erstwhile irresponsible Juniors, we hereby admonish them to carefully guard, protect and cherish these gifts as they would their very lives, and when the period of their guardianship is over, to pass them on to their successors, now the Sophomores, and they in turn, to present Freshmen, and so on ad finitum.

ITEM VI

To both the Juniors and Sophomores, we bequeath the free use of "Lover's Lane" and all the secret nooks about the Campus where we have been wont to meet for charming little tete-a-tetes, and where we have often walked beneath the great oaks and discussed important matters with each other, including problems in geometry and chemistry, as well as great events in world history, and sometimes our own personal history. Nor would we exclude the Freshmen from these rambles inasmuch as the greenness of the one matches favorably with the greenness of the other.

ITEM VII

Likewise we bequeath the following gifts from certain individuals of our own class to the individuals of the other oncoming classes to wit:

1. Glenn Snider leaves to Jimmy, his brother, his so-called ability to get along with all the teachers and counselors; but still stay out late and not get caught until one month before graduation.

2. To the cooks, Rachel Smith leaves her position at the kitchen sink washing pots in hope that they may learn to earn a living for the future and especially to Shirley Heffner, she leaves a bountiful supply of little kids in the vegetable house.

3. Steve Dean leaves to his "buddy", Jack Barger, all of Jack's own dirty clothes and a washboard to wash them with. Steve also bequeaths a written promise that Jack will receive a monthly allowance from him, even if it is naught but a nickel.

4. Mary Ruth Nichols, who has been cleaning the York Rite Memorial Chapel, leaves this chore to Betty Lou Wilson and Janice Moore with the sincere hope that they will receive as much gratification from it as she did.

5. Tommy Jones wills to Johnny Williamson his "part time working watch," which has been handed down for three generations, and hopes that Johnny will keep it working all the time.

6. Julia Adcock wills to her sister, Joan, the job of keeping her room clean while she is away at college.

7. Bobby Morgan leaves to James Strum his old fishing pail, the tangled fishing line, the old cork stopper, and the old can of fishing worms in the woodshed.

8. Violet Sowers bequeaths, to her "little" sister, Sue, her friendship with the "Bear" and hopes she can use it in the future.

9. James Barker wills to his brother, Robert, his ability to be tall, dark, and handsome, and his fattening pills.

10. Margaret Warren leaves to Helen Alford her "position" as housekeeper of the sixth dormitory. May she always see that its clean other than for holidays.

11. To Mr. E. G. McSwain, Carroll Mumford leaves "Knot-raiser", his little rubber, mallet, which Carroll used on "J." Robert Bradshaw for disciplinary purposes. "Mac" will probably use it for the same purpose.

12. Serena Faucette wills to her two brothers, Jimmy and Stephen, her place in the typing class and her typewriter. She hopes that they will enjoy typing as much as she has.

13. "Shorty" Sheffield leaves to "Colon" Hackett his bed, his brogans, his overalls, and his Big Ben work shirt. Alvin Gibbs is to receive "the rest", save the picture of "Shorty" hanging over "Hook" Herrington's bed, which he leaves to "Hook". (P. S. "Hook" stole it from him!)

14. Ruth Reinitz wills to Mrs. Blackwell next year's typing class. Perhaps they will give her fewer gray hairs and uclers than this year's class has.

15. To W. T. Bass and Carl Holt, two bashful boys of the Freshman class, Billy Ray Cobb leaves a portion of his audacity and boldness.

16. Emma Moffitt leaves to her successor in the basement dining room the delicious scent of clorox perfume and elbow grease they will find in the dishpan.

17. Fred McLendon wills to his brother, Herman, his radio, blue corduroy and green nylon shirts, and his antique pictures of the wilds with instruction to pass them down the line when he graduates.

18. Jean Robinson wills to anyone who wants it (You know they all do! *Testator*) her position as 4-G cottage girl in hope they can get as much sleep as she did on the basement floor and still be Mrs. Woodruff's pet and best worker.

19. Preston Taylor wills to his sister, Patricia, his ability to supply the class with chewing gum and still have money to spend.

20. Audrey Harris wills to Frances and Elizabeth her ability to get a car in the afternoon and then get one that night.

21. Jimmy Wyke, the greatest prevaricator, (liar) will likewise benefit by the "truthfulness and accuracy" of the tales told by Ferrell Gentry .

22. Sheila Simpson leaves to Jennie Mae Ellis her ability to do her own clothes in the Saturday morning rush and still be on good terms with Mrs. Minor.

23. Oliver Gibbs wills to his brother, Charles, his ability (that's the name he gave it) to roam around all night throughout the week-end.

24. Clara Lamb wishes to bequeath all her old valaubles and stowaway places to Betty Ann McLendon and Alpha Beasley.

25. Philip Edwards and Charles Gibbs are to split 50-50 in the ergophobia (fear of fear to work) given to them by Russell Smith.

26. Joan Mitchell is to receive Elvira Frederick's ol' tan slippers. (And I do mean old.) Maybe Joan can keep them on *her* feet.

27. Dickie Powell wills to "Pogo" Smith his dining room girls, and hopes that Wilton gets as much extra food and big desserts as he did.

28. To Terry "Shadow" Johnson, John Belk bequeaths a small package containing a razor, a tube of shaving cream, and a shaving brush, on which is inscribed a notation reading, "To the beneficiaire, do not open 'till the 3rd whisker on your chin is in sight.

ITEM VIII

To next season's baseball, football, and (we hope) basketball teams, we bequeath our unbounded enthusiasm and the privilege of beating, not only their rivals but our own glorious records of the past year, if that be possible.

ITEM IX

To next season's baseball, football, and (we hope) basketball teams, we bequeath —the Glee Club, the G. B. Summers Club, the Nettie N. Bemis Club, the Debating, and the other groups, we hereby bequeath some of the amazing talent of our own famous stars in order that the brilliant successes we have won may not be dimmed by complete failure of the class of 1955.

ITEM X

To all the aforementioned beneficiaries and to everyone interested in the welfare of this dear old school, we bequeath a portion of our abundant stock of loyalty—loyalty to our school, our community, our state, our nation, and to God. And may this school ever continue to survive in spite of the calamity of our departure.

Finally, we hereby appoint our beloved principal, Prof. E. T. Regan, to be the sole executor of this, our last will and testament, and if any trivial possessions have been overlooked, he is hereby authorized to put them up at public auction and use the proceeds to pay for a tablet to our everlasting memory.

In witness whereof we, the class of 1954, have set our hand and seal on this 4th day of June in the year of 1954.

Signed: JOHN N. BELK, *Testator*

Witnesses: Miss Mary Faison
Marvin Smith

THE GIFTS OF THE RAINBOW

Classmates,

It seems 'twas only yesterday
In the cloud-flecked sky that we did roam,
Gradually climbing the rugged way,
Seeking and searching for a new home.

Think not, youthful travelers, our work's complete,
For our journey to success has only begun.
There'll be others against us to compete,
But lets give our best till the goal is won.

Behold,

Through the misty haze, a rainbow,
With its rays of confidence, love, and praise,
Inspiring us with a desire to know
What we may be in the future days.

The rainbow earthward bends so gently
Through the cloud of misty haze,
Bringing us wisdom, courage, and kindness
In the folds of its magic rays.

Seniors,

As we from our Alma Mater depart,
We take cherished memories of friends so dear.
Let us leave thanks sincere from ev'ry heart.
For blessings richy bestowed upon us here.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Baccalaureate Sermon
First Baptist Church of Oxford
May 30, 1954—8:00 P. M.
REVEREND CHARLES LYNN BROWN
White Memorial Presbyterian Church
RALEIGH, N. C.

Graduation Address
Oxford High School Auditorium
June 4, 1954—8:15 P. M.
DR. B. G. CHILDS
Department of Education
Duke University
DURHAM, N. C.

JUNIORS

Hi Mrs. Hamlet,
Don't forget
Dickie's
handkerchiefs.
Ruby

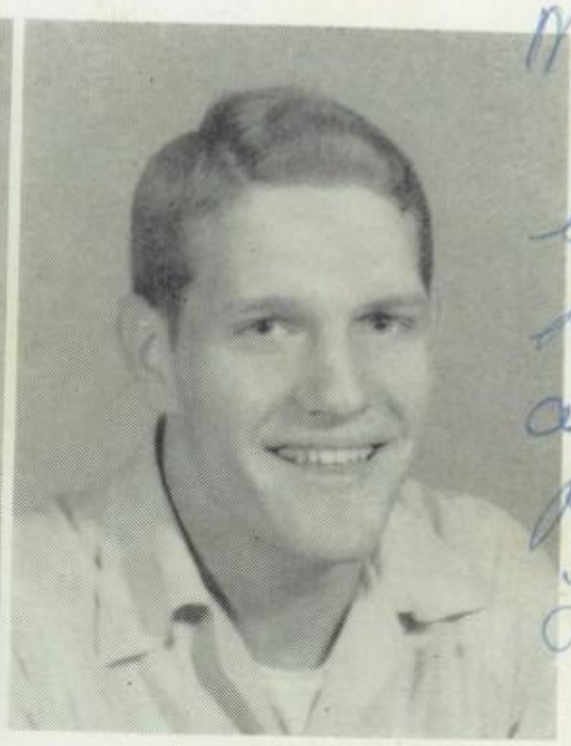
CLARE REGAN
President

RUBY ANDERSON
Vice-President

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Mrs. Hamlet,
I certainly
is nice
knowing such
a nice
person as
you are.
Jack

EOLINE PROVOST
Secretary



JACK BARGER
Treasurer

Hi Miss Hamlet,
I know I'll enjoy working with you & I sure catch on to everything. I hope we have lots of fun. Love, Shelby

Joan Adams

Shelby Jean Adams

Joann Adcock

Archie Capps

Patty Jo Cobb

Virginia Dean

Hi Miss Hamlet
I'm glad to see such a nice lady working with us.

Leroy Dixon

Jimmy Faucette

Mrs. Hamlet, I think you are one of the nicest persons I have ever met.

Charles Gibbs

Sally Groome

Your friend, Charles

Bennie Harris

Ernestine Harrison

Jo Ann Mitchell

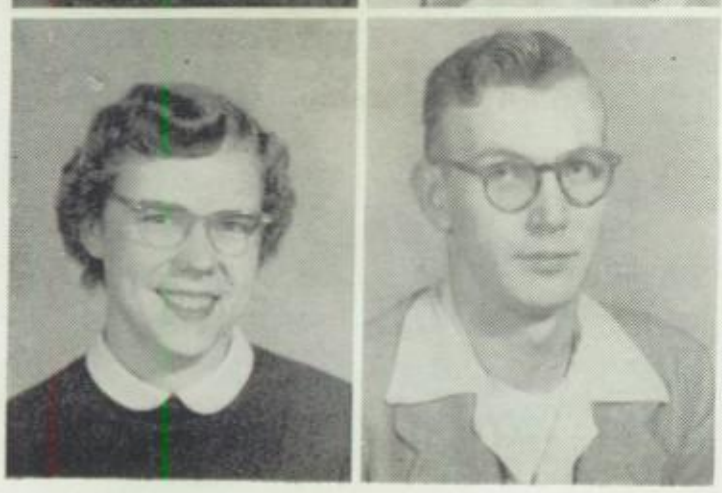
Janice Moore

Ruby J. Nethercutt

Hazel Powell

Frances Raynor

Margie Westbrook



Betty Lou Wilson

William A. Wilson

OTHER MEMBERS:

Carolyn Caldwell
Shirley Clark
Loretta Evans

COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS

CLARE REGAN, *Chief*

EOLINE PROVOST — ARCHIE CAPPS

JO ANN MITCHELL — RUBY ANDERSON

Marshals are selected on basis of high scholarship.

WINNERS TRIP TO RALEIGH

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Forty Orphanage students were selected for the trip to Raleigh on May 15, 1954. These students were those who were honors roll students and others who had made most progress this year.

The Juniors who enjoyed this kindness and opportunity were:

JANICE MOORE
MARJORIE WESTBROOK

SOPHOMORES

DOTTIE REGAN
President

HELEN ALFORD
Vice-President

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

JANIE HARRISON
Secretary

ROSA LEE ATES
Treasurer

Robert Barker

Alpha Beasley

Nellie Beasley

Hazel Bostic

Patty Sue Bostic

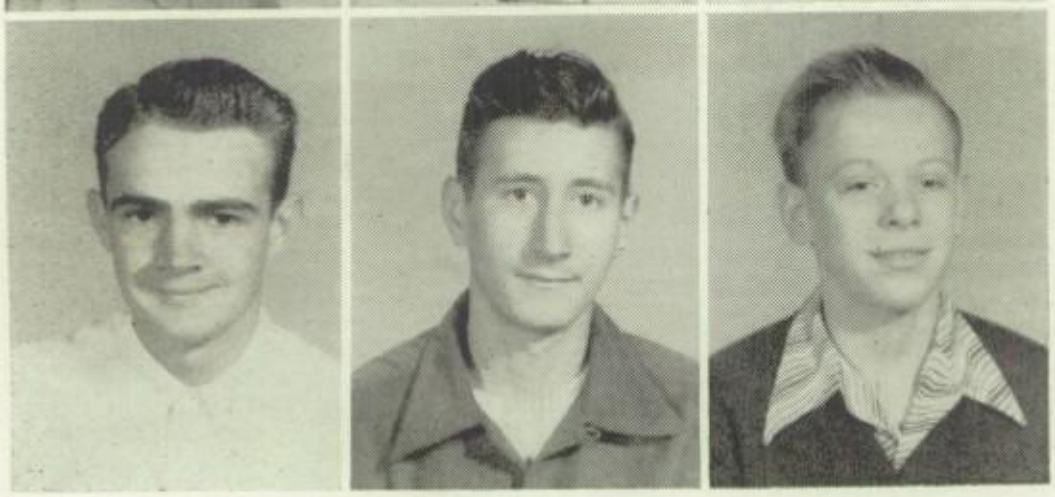
Betty Lou Dickerson

Hello Mrs. Hamlet
It has been
nice drawing
you & wish
you the best of
luck.
A friend
Phillip

Janice Dilchay

Donald Edwards

Phillip Edwards



Calvin Elliott

Stephen Faucette

Monty Finch

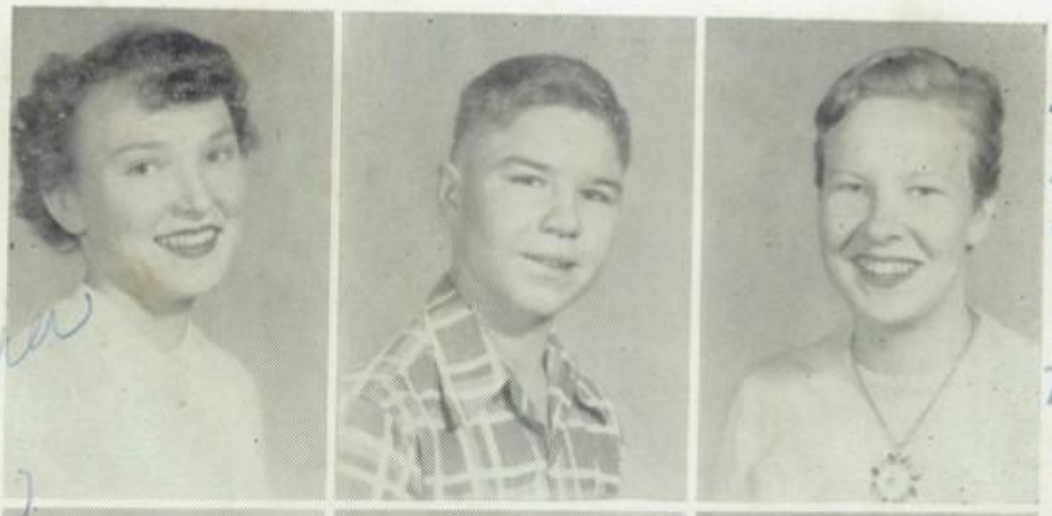
Ovis Gibbs

Coley Hackett

Shirley Heffner

Hi Mrs. Hamlett
Nice weather
isn't it
Julson

Miss Hamlett
Been nice
knowing you.
I having enjoy
seeing you at
the Duke
building.
Shirley



Fulton Herrington

Frances Hildebran

Sarah McGee

Betty Ann McLendon

Juanita Morgan

Dan Murray

Rosalie Parham

Clara Peavy

Jo Ann Powell

Odell Smith

Wilton Smith

Amos Speight

Hazel Strum

James Strum

Nancy Wilson

Jimmy Wyke

Roy Hendricks

OTHER MEMBERS:
Joy Caldwell
Jackie Long
Lula Nan Nelms

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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March 18—20, 1954

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Friday Evening, March 19, 1954

Introduction of Representative Future Teachers from High Schools and Teacher-Training Institutions: Carl Cannon, President, Department of Future Teachers, Duke University, Durham, N. C.

Representatives from John Nichols School

DOTTIE REGAN

WILTON SMITH

FRESHMEN

Terry Johnson

Frank Lemon

Herman McLendon

Norwood Mitchell

Betty Jean Moore

Elaine Moss

Nancy Nethercutt

Alvin E. Oakes

Lillie Jane Parham

Rebecca Parham

Ernest Perry

Mavis Preddy

Alton Provost

Elizabeth Riggan

Iris Sheffield

Miss Hamlet
I think you have done very well up here this year. We all appreciate it.
James Stout

Marvin Smith

Ersul Sowers

James Stout

I have enjoyed having you in my room. Best of luck always
Patricia

Lawrence Strum

Patricia Taylor

Betty Jean Truitt

Joan Walsh

Barbara Walton

Maggie Belle Watson

Newton Wilder

John Williamson

ABSENT: Roger L. McGarr

Miss Hamlet:
I appreciate you.
I think a lot of you.
I hope to see you
Newton

Mrs. Hamlet,
Hope you will always be my best friend. Thanks for everything you have done for me. Lots of luck and best wishes to a nice and sweet woman.
Love ya lots,
Barbara

HIGHEST AVERAGES IN SCHOLARSHIP—1953-1954

CLARE REGAN—*Eleventh Grade*

GAYE HILL—*Ninth Grade*

DOTTIE REGAN—*Tenth Grade*

MARIE SHEFFIELD—*Eighth Grade*

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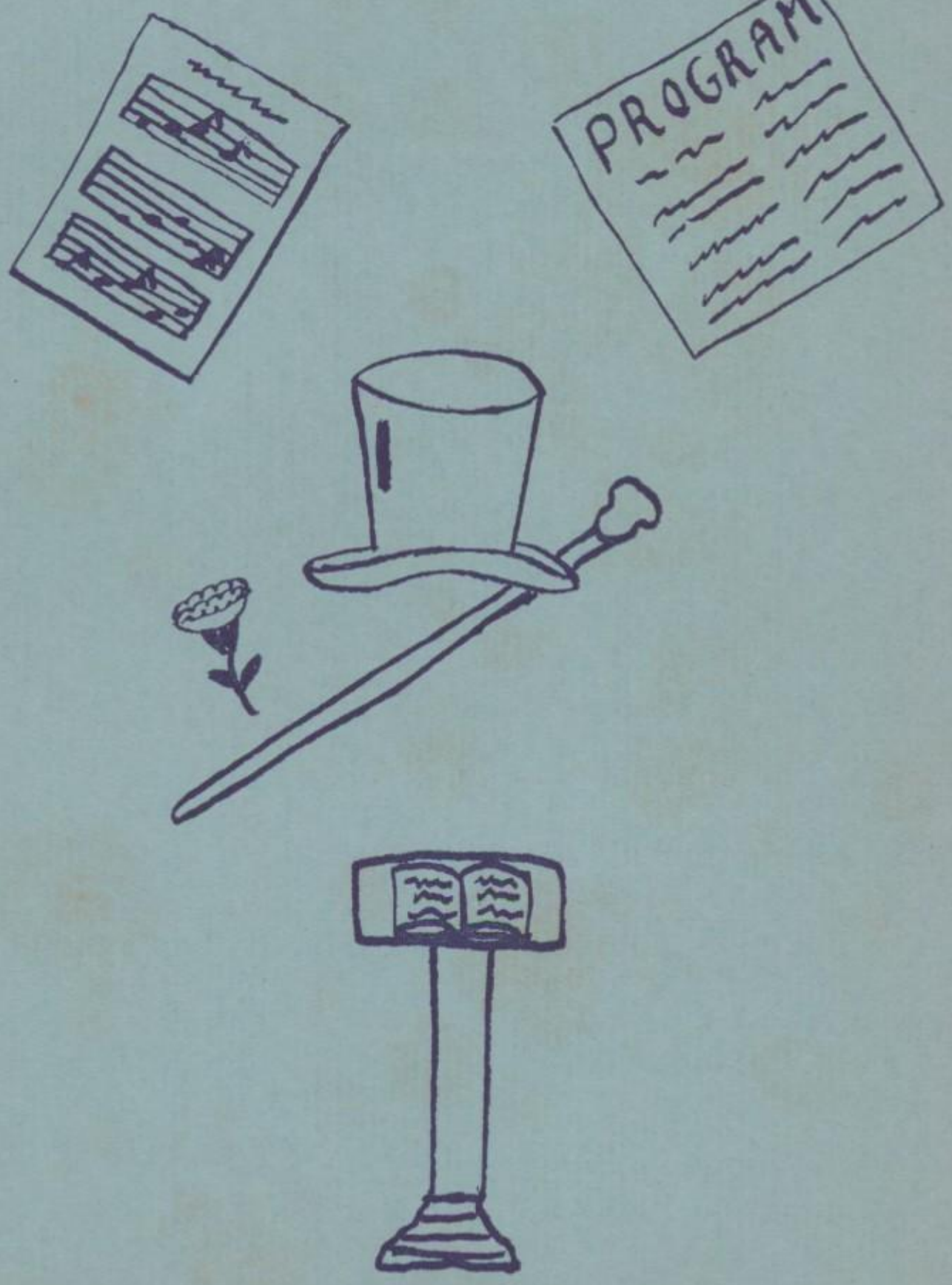

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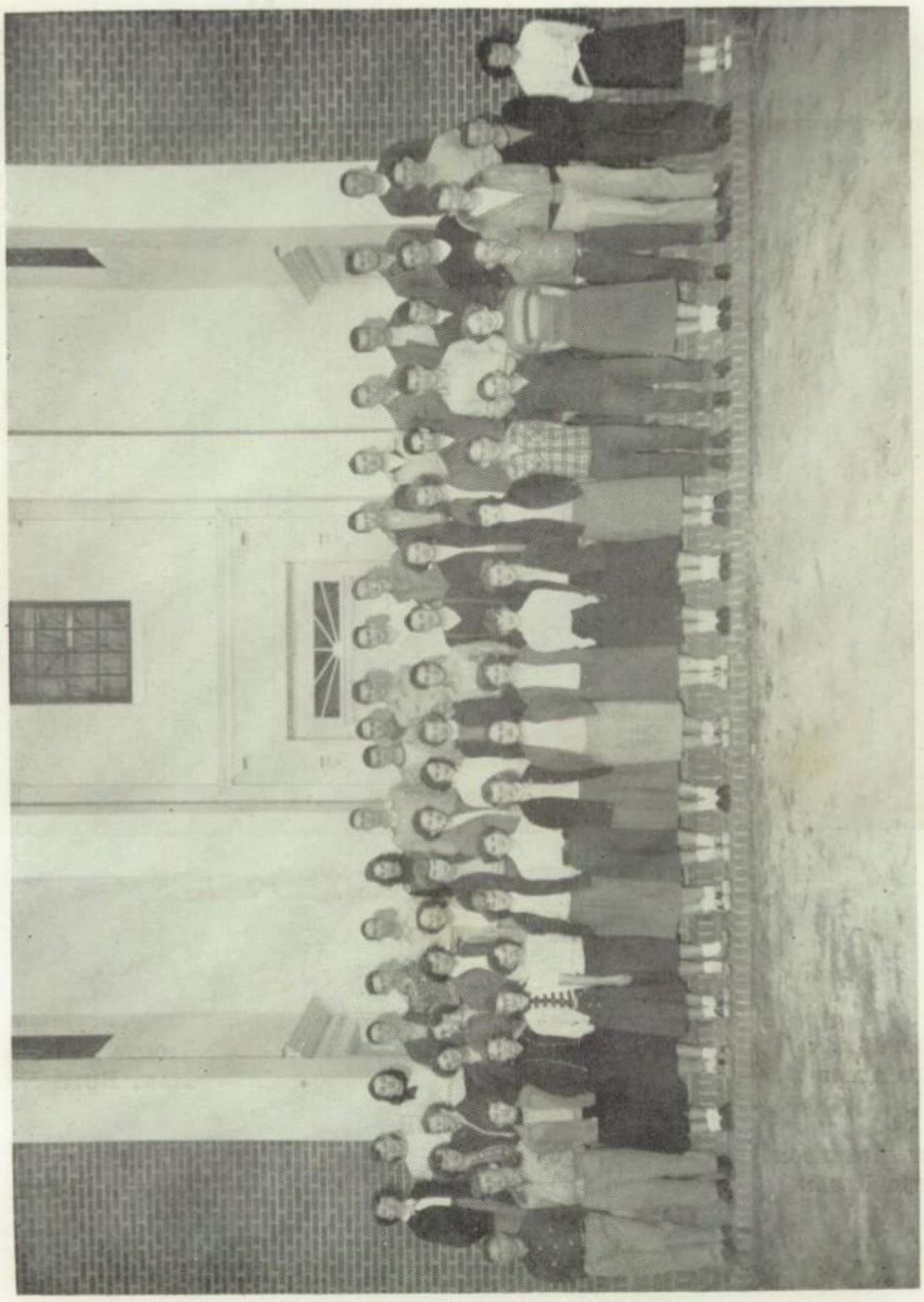

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High School Play
In Again! Out Again!
Characters

Mrs. Quick ---------- Janice Moore
Almira ---------- Rosalee Ates
Waldo ---------- John Belk
Candy ---------- Clara Lamb
Honey ---------- Dottie Regan
Noah Wiggins ---------- Dickie Powell
Professor Walter Meade ---- Tommy Jones
Henry Hall ---------- Billy Ray Cobb
Aunt Dodie ---------- Jo Ann Adcock
Lynn Lane ---------- Ruby Anderson
Ruth ---------- Sheila Simpson
Dr. Hattie Honk ------ Clare Regan

Time: The present. Early fall.

SPEECH PARTICIPANTS

Coached By MRS. LUTHER A. LIGON

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Coley Hackett, Gaye Hill, Patricia Taylor, Clara Lamb, Violet Sowers, Mary Ruth Nichols, Helen Alford, Wilton Smith, Janie Harrison, Delores Chappell, Elvira Frederick, Hazel Bostic, Dottie Regan, Shirley Heffner, Julia Adcock, Serena Faucette, John Belk, Emma Moffitt, Billy Ray Cobb, Jean Robinson, Rachel Smith, Tommy Jones, Bobby Morgan, Sheila Simpson.

NETTIE N. BEMIS CLUB

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GIRLS' RECITATION CONTEST

CLARE LAMB

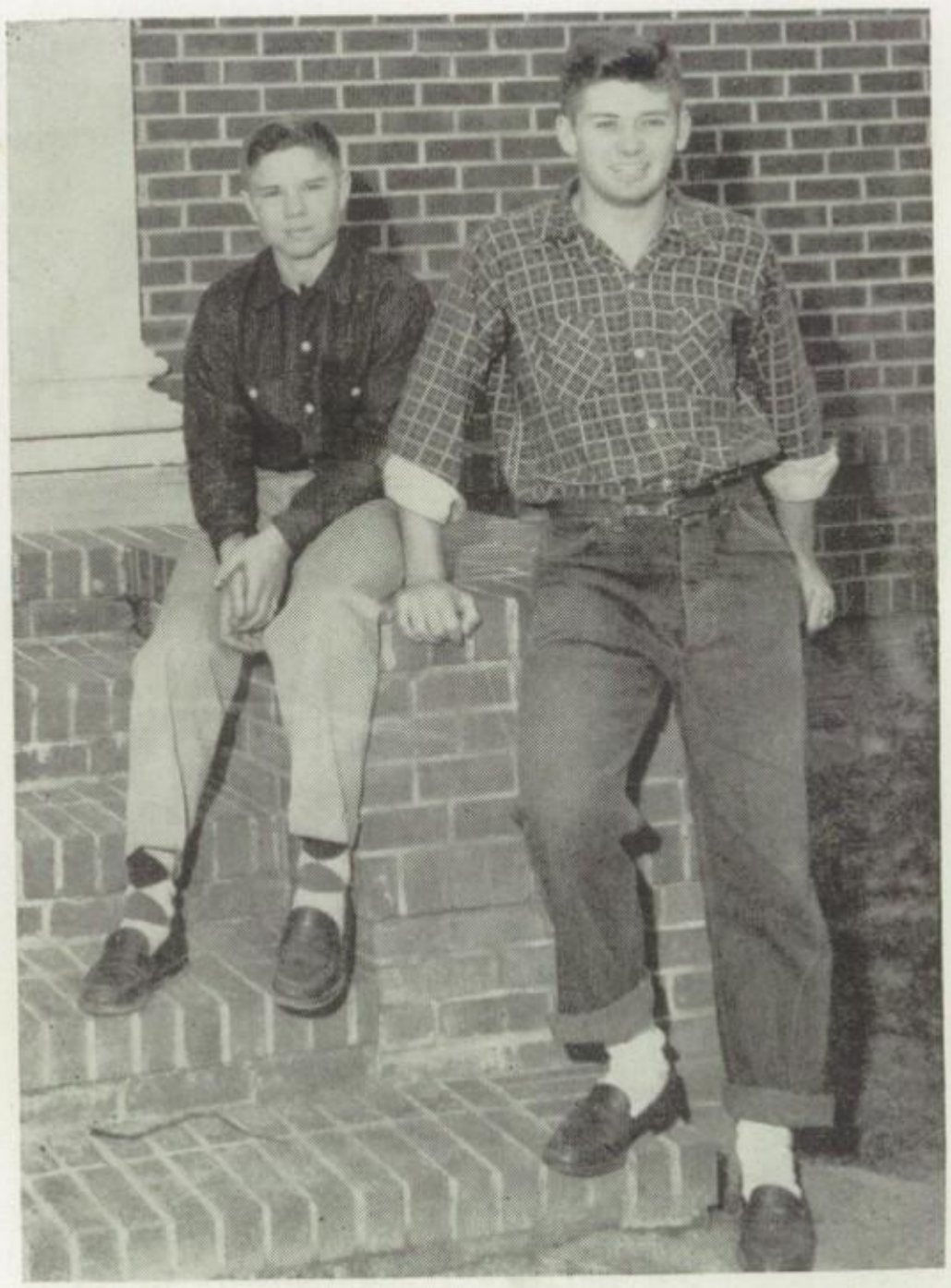
"Fisherman's Luck"

Winner of the Oxford Orphanage Medal

CLARE REGAN

"Baby in the Bathroom"

Honorable Mention



BOYS' DECLAMATION-RECITATION CONTEST

COLEY HACKETT

"Knute Rockne"

Winner of the Oxford Lodge, No. 122, Medal

JOHN BELK

"Enoch's Walk"

Honorable Mention

SENIOR RECITATION-DECLAMATION CONTEST

JOHN BELK

"Enoch's Walk"

Honorable Mention

RACHEL SMITH

"Littlest Orphan and the Christ Baby"

Winner of Oxford Kiwanis Club Medal

DOTTIE REGAN
Alternate Winner

United World Federalists Speaking Contest
Boughton Hall, State College, Raleigh, N. C.—April 9, 1954

Subject: "Building World Peace: How Can the United Nations Prevent Communist Aggression and Preparation for Aggression."

N. C. MEDICAL SOCIETY ESSAY CONTEST

RUBY ANDERSON CLARE REGAN

Subject: "Why the Private Practice of Medicine Furnishes This Country with the Finest Medical Care."

Essays written by these students represented the Oxford City School System in the State Final Contest.

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JANICE MOORE, *Historian*

Others Members

NELLIE BEASLEY

OVIS GIBBS

SALLIE GROOME

A CAROL-FANTASIA

PRESENTED BY

GLEE CLUB

York Rite Memorial Chapel Auditorium
December 13, 1953

Narrator: JOHN BELK

Reading: "The Littlest Orphan and the Christ Child"—
by RACHEL SMITH

SOLOISTS

SHEILA SIMPSON.....*Soprano*
JANICE MOORE.....*Soprano*
EOLINE PROVOST.....*Contralto*
JACK BARGER.....Tenor
FRED MCLENDON.....*Bass*
OLIVER GIBBS.....*Bass*

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Nancy Wilson

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Jack Barger
Jimmy Frederick
Coley Hackett
Laylon Jordan
Norwood Mitchell
Herman McLendon
Ernest Perry
John Williamson

BASSES

James Barker
Steve Dean
Oliver Gibbs
Fred McLendon
Odell Smith
Amos Speight

Directress: MISS NORMA KING

OH, AUNT JERUSHA!

Auditorium—May 6—8, 1954

CHARACTERS

Heliotrope—Miss Jerusha's darky cook	Jean Robinson
Susie Babcock—The brat, Roy's kid sister	Clare Lamb
Roy Babcock—Uncle Billy's nephew	Dickie Powell
Barbara Jebbs—Miss Jerusha's niece	Mary Ruth Nichols
Uncle Billy Babcock—Hated old bachelor next door	John Belk
Miss Jerusha Jebbs— A maiden lady with a mind of her own	Violet Sowers
Harry Hatfield—The town druggist	Fred McLendon
Tom Doolittle—Owner of the town pool hall	Billy Ray Cobb
Mrs. Tweedie— President of the Ladies' Uplift Club	Rachel Smith
Mrs. Sniffin—Her shadow	Serena Faucette

Fond "MOTHERS" IN THE BUSINESS MEN'S BABY SHOW

Mrs. Gertie Google	Oliver Gibbs
Barney Google, Jr.	Ferrell Gentry
Mrs. Nora O'Flarity	Tommy Jones
Patrick Mike 'Flarity	Carroll Sheffield
Mrs. Yennie Yensen	James Barker
Yohnny Yensen	Preston Taylor
Mrs. Bertha Katzenjammer	Russell Smith
Fritz Katzenjammer	Glenn Snider
Mrs. Violet Vanilla Jackson	Bobby Morgan
Lincoln Washington Jackson	Carroll Mumford
Dr. Pullen—The town dentist	Steve Dean
Reverend Smiggs—Miss Jerusha's pastor	Tommy Jones

THE SIX AGES OF THE AMERICAN GIRL

The Indian Maid	Sheila Simpson
The Colonial Maid	Margaret Warren
The Girl of 1776	Emma Moffitt
The Southern Belle of 1861	Julia Adcock
The Girl of the Gay Nineties	Elvira Frederick
The Modern Girl of 1954	Audrey Harris

Place: A small town, Tinkertown
Time: The Present

Scene from "Oh, Aunt Jerusha!"

"ALOHA" CLASS of 1954

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

April 30, 1954—Dining Hall

Hele mai ai
(come and eat)
A Waikiki Wonder
Mamo
Tornadoes and Gales

Diced Bambo
Taro Cake

Molten Lava
Kahili

Palms of Paradise

PROGRAMME

Invocation	Rev. A. DeLeon Gray
Toastmistress	Clare Regan
Welcome to Seniors	Ruby Anderson
Response	Julia Adcock
Toast to Staff	Eoline Provost
Response	Mr. M. L. Austell
"Kani Ka Pila"	**Strike Up The Music**

Mrs. C. G. Daniel

Dance on **"The Island"**—York Rite

Memorial Chapel

Tom Hearne's—**Orchestra**

"OPERATION CHRISTMAS"

SPORTS

MR. E. T. REGAN

Director of Athletics and Physical Education in the Oxford Orphanage

MR. M. L. (Gabe) AUSTELL

Football Coach

A Christian Gentleman

A most efficient and understanding teacher
A proponent of highest ideals in fair play and sportmanship

By the resignation of Coach "Gabe" Austell, a highly esteemed member of the staff, Oxford Orphanage and John Nichols Schools experience a great loss; however, we sincerely wish for him a most successful career in his new field. We are grateful for the happiness and inspiration that he, Mrs. Austell, and son, Larry have given us.

May the best in life always be theirs!

MR. M. G. TALTON, JR.

Baseball Coach

CO-CAPTAINS OF OXFORD ORPHANAGE RED DEVILS—1953

TOMMY JONES DICKIE POWELL

CHEER LEADERS

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RUBY ANDERSON
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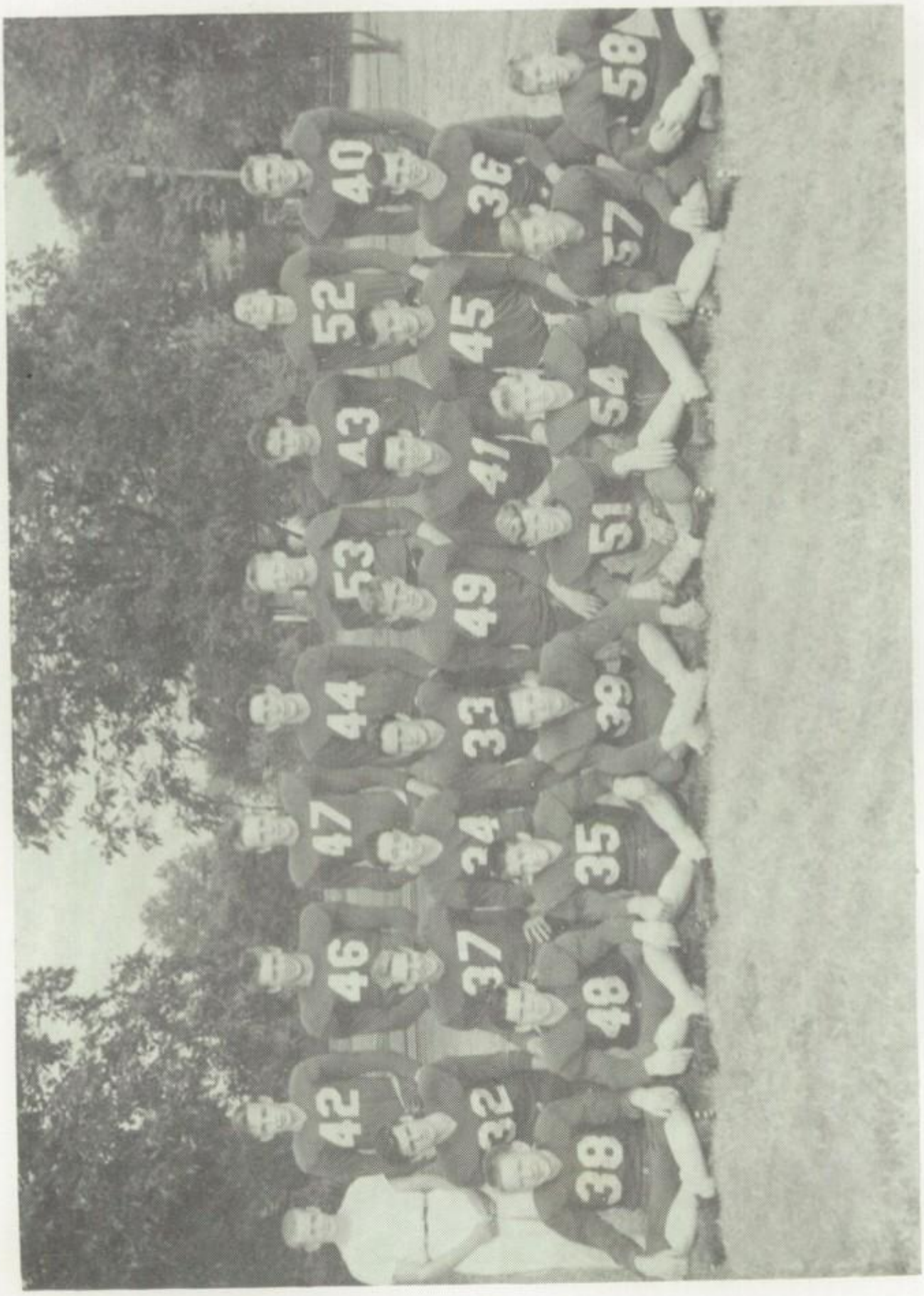

VARSITY FOOTBALL SQUAD

Coaches

Mr. M. L. "Gabe" Austell — Mr. M. G. Talton, Jr.

Ernest Perry, **Manager**

Gene Jordan, **Mascot**

Co-Captains

Tommy Jones — Dickie Powell

SQUAD

* Dickie Powell	* Steve Dean	Bill Herrington
* Tommy Jones	Jack Barger	Fulton Herrington
* Russell Smith	Jimmy Wyke	Odell Smith
* Carl Sheffield	Charles Gibbs	Odis Hutchins
* Oliver Gibbs	William Albertson	Leroy Dixon
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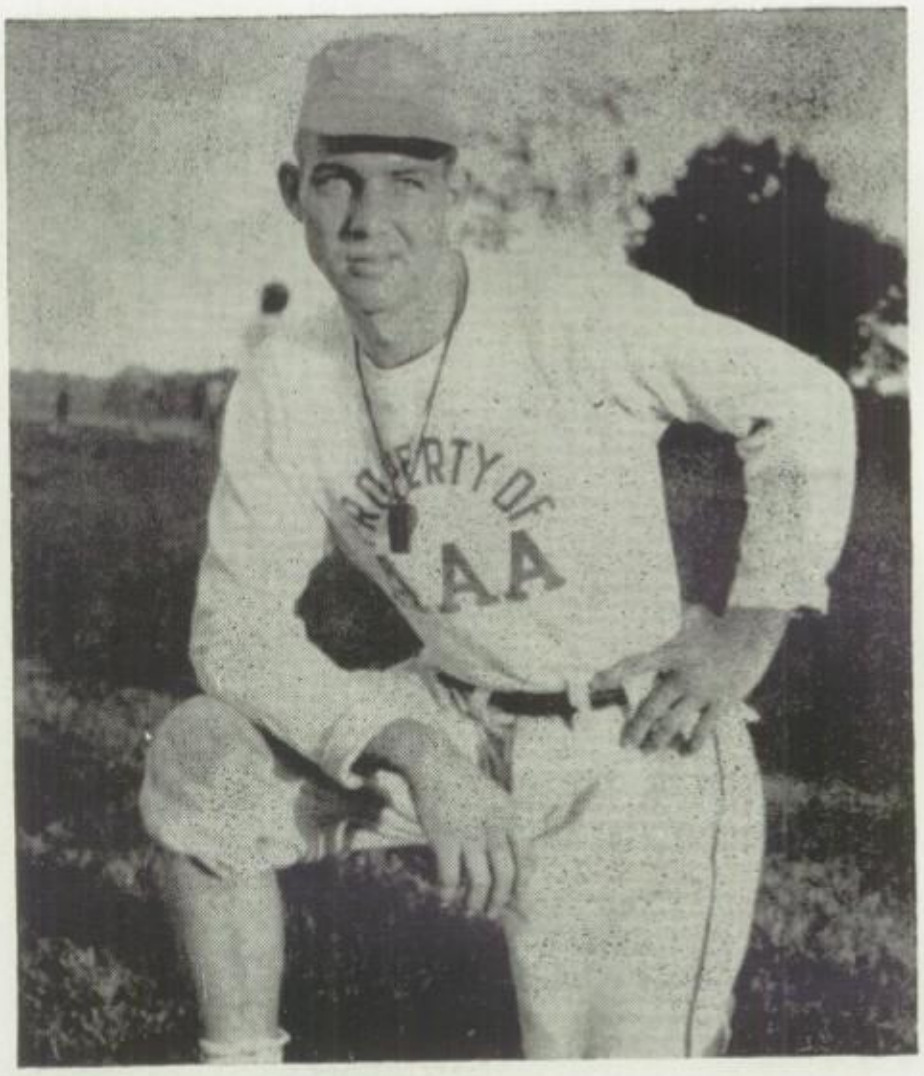
* Members of the Graduating Class of 1954



M. L. (Gabe) AUSTELL
Head Coach

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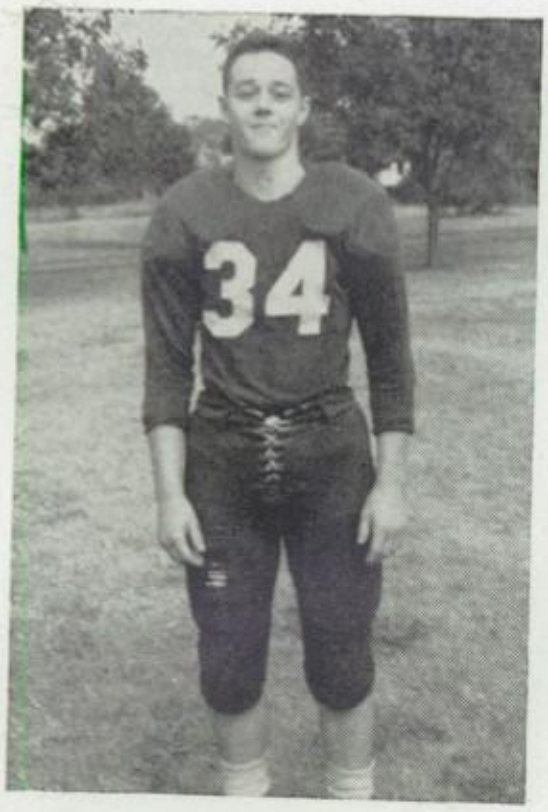
Assistant Coach

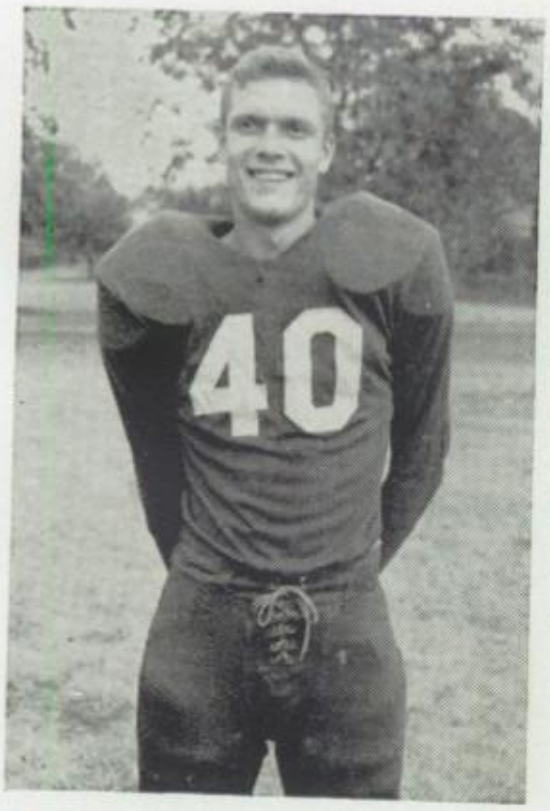


DICKIE POWELL—Senior (Back)

From Charlotte. Voted most valuable player trophy. A truly great back who puts his heart into his work. Co-captain. Going to college. Letterman, four years.

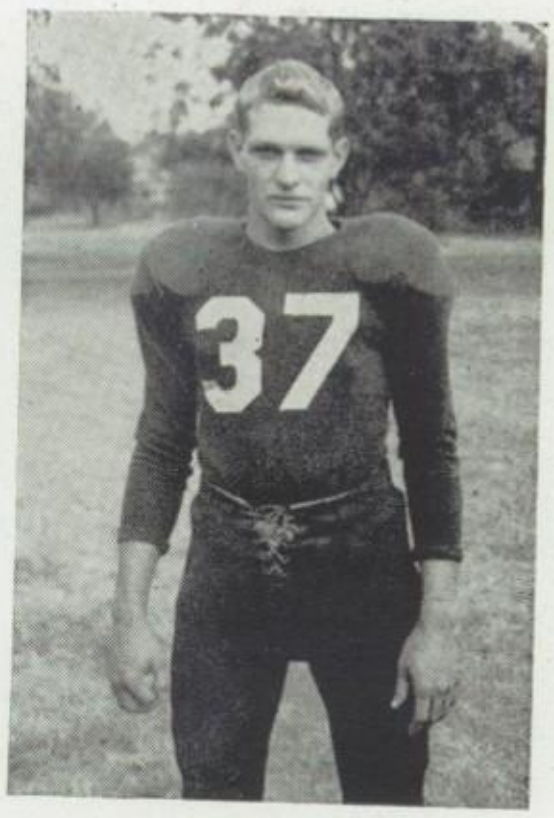
TOMMY JONES—Senior (End)

A truly great football player. From Belmont. Honorable mention for all-state. Awarded team sportsmanship and best defensive trophies. Co-captain; going to college. Four years a letterman.



STEPHEN DEAN—Senior (Back)

From Durham. Played outstanding ball. Good runner; did the punting and kicking off.



JACK BARGER—JUNIOR (BACK)

From Burlington. Good ball handler. Strong defensive line back. First year starting quarterback. Co-captain elect for 1954. Letterman, two years.

Hi Mrs. Hamlet
You are certainly one of the nicest ladys I have met. Best of Luck all through your years
Jerry

CHARLES GIBBS—Junior (Center)

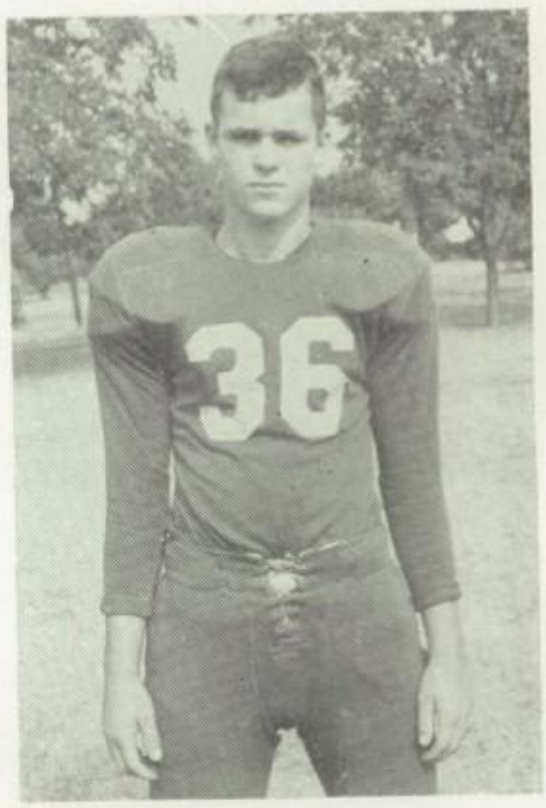
From Englehard. Converted from end to center in 1953 where he did a magnificent job. Will go back to end this season. Co-captain elect. Letterman one year.

TERRY JOHNSON—Fresh. (Tackle)

From North Wilkesboro. Played only defense in 1953; developed into one of our stronger linesmen. Should be a starter this year. Letterman one year.

RUSSELL SMITH—Senior (Guard)

From Roxboro. Played both offense and defense. A strong competitor who will be missed this year. Letterman, three years.



ERSUL SOWERS—Fresh. (Guard)

From Kinston. A regular at both offense and defense in his freshman year. Honorable mention all-state Should make a great football player. Letterman, one year.

NEWTON WILDER—Fresh. (Center)

From Spring Hope. Alternated at center and end last year. Contender for starting job at end next season.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON—Fresh. (End)

From Richland. Played mostly junior varsity last season. Should play some varsity ball this year.

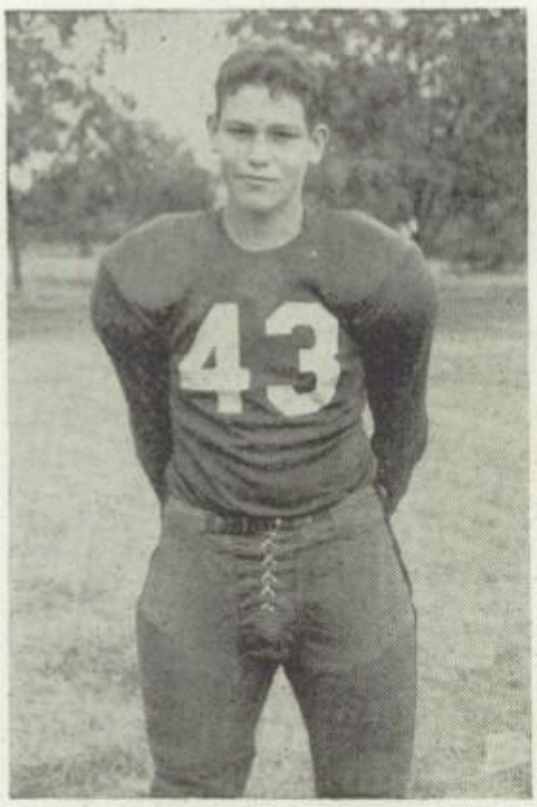
ALTON PROVOST—Fresh. (Back)

From Kinston. Played mostly junior varsity last year. Should play a lot of football next season.

VAN EDWARDS—FRESH. (BACK)

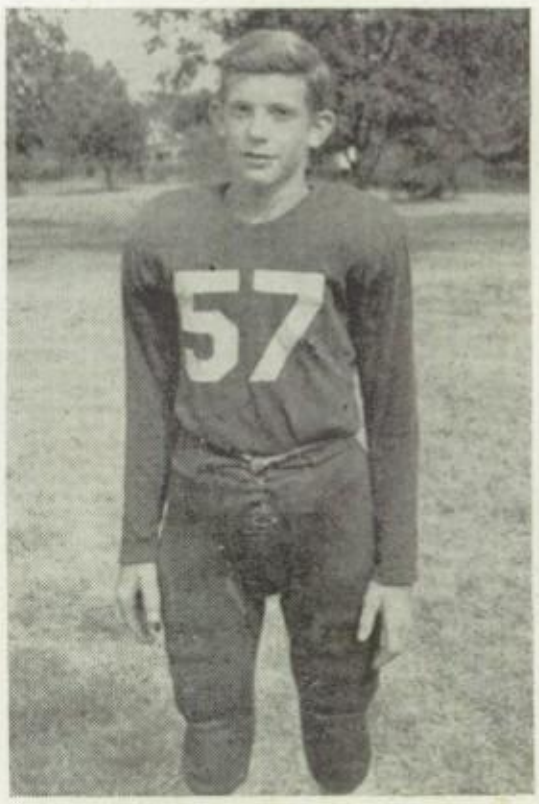
From Spring Hope. Will be moved to quarterback this year. Should develop into a good player.

Hi, Mrs Hamlet
It has been nice
knowing you. I will
always be your friend.
Van



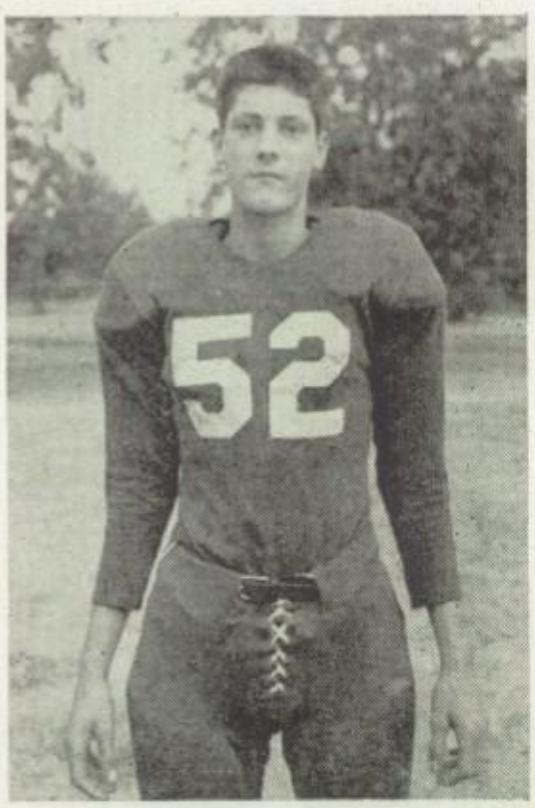
LEROY DIXON—Junior (Tackle)

From Roxboro; lettering for first year, Much improved; should be starting tackle next year.



PHILLIP ELWARDS—Soph. (Guard)

From Spring Hope. A broken arm held him back last year, but should play good ball this season.

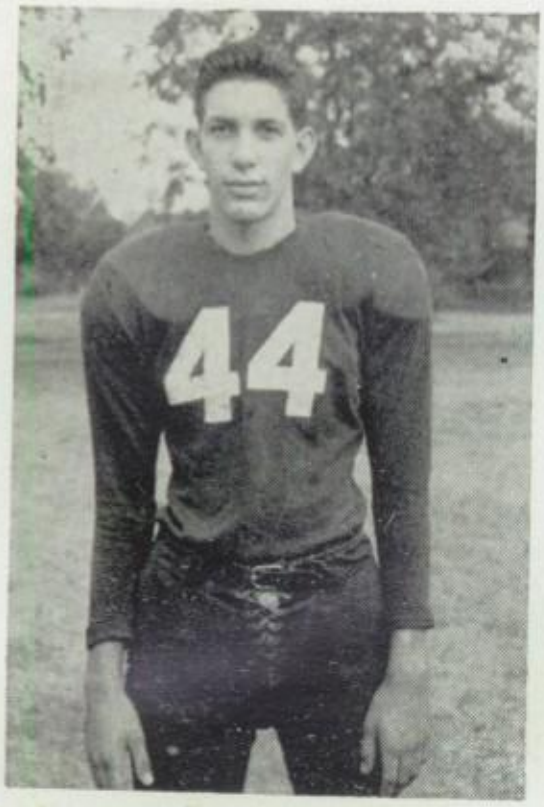


FULTON HERRINGTON—Soph. (End)

From Salisbury. Developed a lot during past season. A starting contender for 1954.

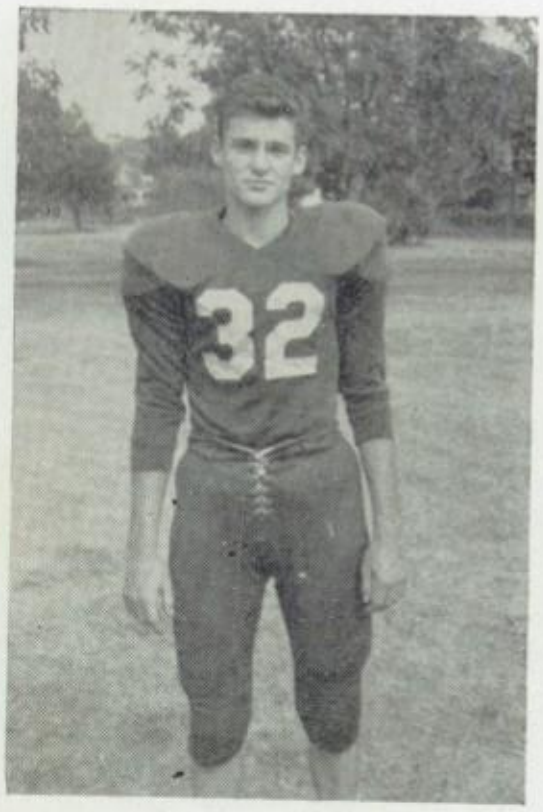
ODIS HUTCHINS—Fresh. (Guard)

From Roxboro. Improved during last year. A contender for starting position in 1954.



FRED MCLENDON—Senior (Guard)

From Kannapolis. Did good job in his first year as starting tackle. Played mostly offense. Letterman, one year.

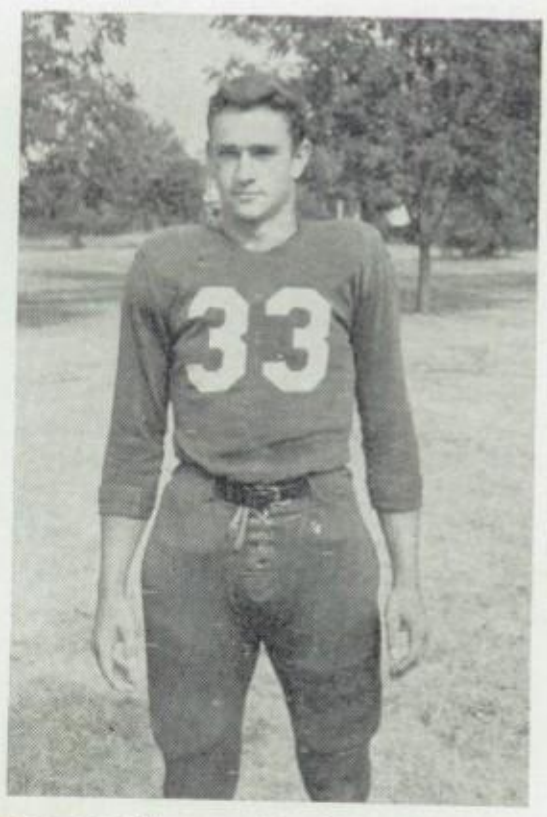


CARROL SHEFFIELD—Senior (Back)

From Beulaville. Played offense and defense. Held for place kicks. Developed very much during the year. Letterman, one year.

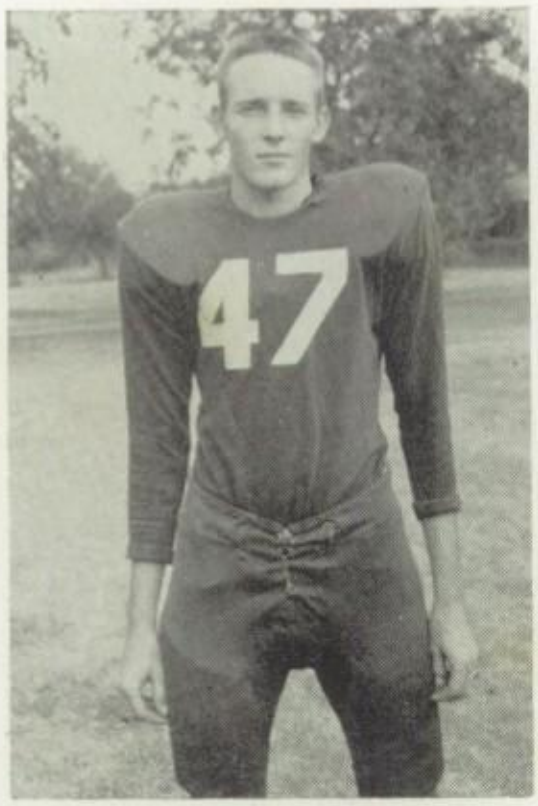
AMOS SPEIGHT—Soph. (Tackle)

From Charlotte, Improved during the year and should play some good ball this year.



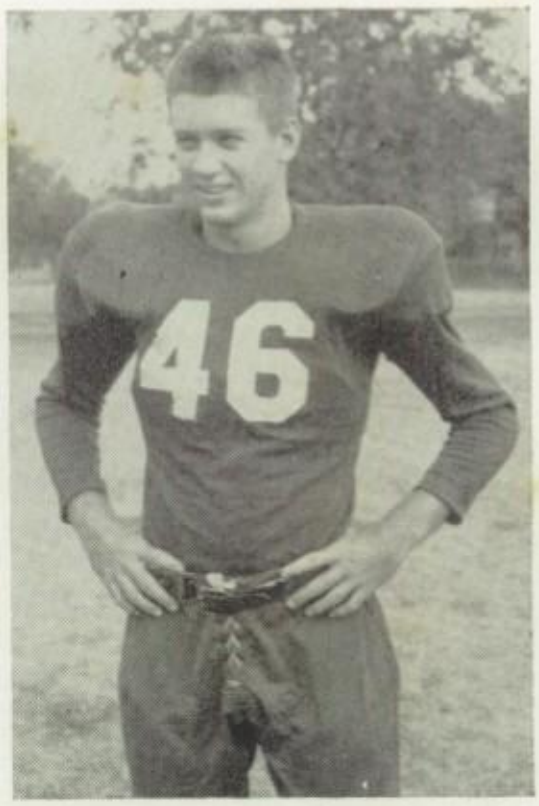
JIMMY WYKE—Junior (Back)

From Boone. Played good ball at both offense and defense. Drives hard.



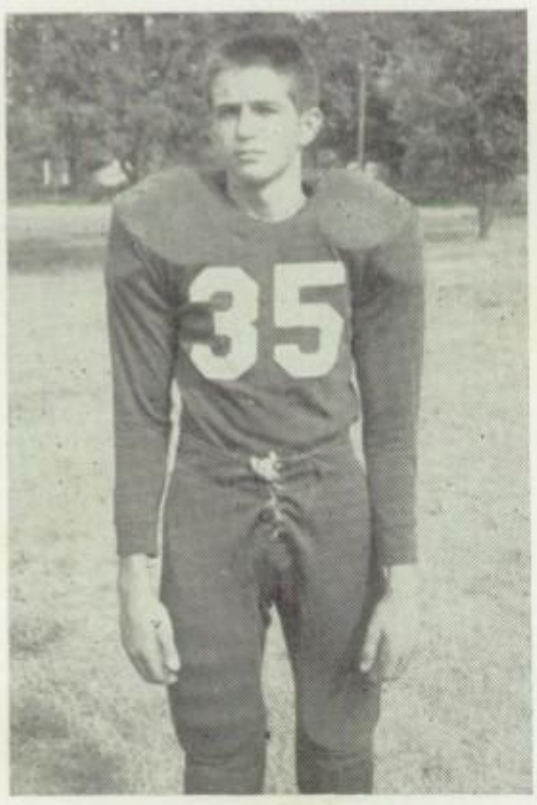
OLIVER GIBBS—Senior (End)

From Englehard. Played good ball last year as a regular on both offense and defense. Did place kicking. Letterman, three years.



JOHN BELK—Senior (Tackle)

From Greensboro. Good blocker. Heaviest man on squad. Honorable mention all-state. Letterman, three years.



WILTON SMITH—Soph. (Back)

From Fuquay Springs. Played mostly defense. Small but fast. Should be a starter this year. Letterman, one year.

ARCHIE CAPPS—Junior (Center)

From Greensboro. First year of football. Ended the season strong; should come into his own next year. Letterman, one year.

1953 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 11—Red Devils vs. Rocky Mount
Sept. 18—Red Devils vs. Graham
Sept. 22—Red Devils vs. Henderson
Oct. 3—Red Devils vs. Roxboro
Oct. 9—Red Devils vs. Ahoskie
Oct. 16—Red Devils vs. Durham County
Oct. 24—Red Devils vs. Methodist Orphanage
Oct. 30—Red Devils vs. Hillsboro
Nov. 6—Red Devils vs. Chapel Hill
Nov. 13—Red Devils vs. Oxford High

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS

State Semifinals

Nov. 20—Red Devils vs. New Bern

RED DEVILS vs. ROCKY MOUNT

September 11

In the first game of the 1953 football season, Rocky Mount defeated the Red Devils by the score of 26-14.

The first "Blackbird" score came on a four yard plunge by Bob Patterson after Johnny Warren had dashed seventy-three yards to set it up. Lancaster booted the extra point to give Ricky Mount a 7-0 yead.

On the following kickoff, Dick Powell raced ninety yards down the side line for a "Devil" tally. Gibbs then added the extra point and the score was tied at 7-7

Rocky Mount came right back however in the second quarter to score two touchdowns, one on a 37 yard run by Johnny Warren and one a pass from Jim Lancaster of Jim Lancaster. The score at the half was 20-7.

Steve Dean scored the "Devils" other touchdown on a one yard plunge and Gibbs added the point.

Rock Mount iced the game a few minutes later with another touchdown. Belk was outstanding on defense for the Red Devils.

RED DEVILS vs. GRAHAM

September 18

After tasting defeat in the first game of the season, the orphans pulled a major upset by defeating Graham 27-0.

Dickie Powell was the big gun for the Devils by scoring once in the first quarter on a one yard drive and then again on a 95 yard run in the fourth guarter.

In the second period Tommy Jones uncorked a 30 yard scoring pass to Oliver Gibbs on an optional play.

Steve Dean added the other score, climaxing a 55 yard march with a one yard plunge.

In the forward wall John Belk was outstanding for the orphans, while Jerry Robinson and Huey Moser were stickouts for Graham.

RED DEVILS vs. HENDERSON

September 25

At Veteran's Field, on September 25, the Red Devils drubbed Henderson 19-0. On the second play from scrimmage Dickie Powell raced 71 yards for the first score of the game. Oliver Gibbs added the point after touchdown.

Steve Dean scored the second T. D. on a plunge from the three yard line.

In the third stanza after being penalized 15 yards, fullback Jim Wyke raced 86 yards straight up the middle of the field for the final score.

With reserves playing playing most of the last half the score remained 19-0.

Belk, McLendon, and Jones were wheelhorses in the line for the Devils and "Red" Blue was outstanding for Henderson.

RED DEVILS vs. ROXBORO

October 3

After battling for three scoreless periods the Red Devils finally found themselves to hand Roxboro a 20-0 pasting.

The first score came on a 25 yard pass from Barger to Tom Jones after a penalty had nullified a 55 yard touchdown sprint by Jim Wyke.

When the Red Devils got their hands on the ball, again Steve Dean crashed off tackle for a 60 yard touchdown run.

After recovering a fumble a few plays later, Dickie Powell raced 45 yards for the final tally. Oliver Gibbs added the extra point.

John Belk and Ersul Sowers were stickouts for the Devils in the line, while Clayton and Gravitte were outstanding for Roxboro.

RED DEVILS vs. AHOSKIE

October 9

On October 9, it was the Red Devils "night off" due to the fact that they dropped a 19-0 decision to Ahoskie. Indeed it was their night off because everything the orphanage lads tried to do was thwarted.

Pierce, Ahoskie fullback, scored the first touchdown and the extra point was added.

In the second quarter two more touchdowns were added and the game ended 19-0 in favor of Ahoskie.

When asked about this game, we orphanage boys like to say, "It was "rained out."

RED DEVILS vs. DURAHM COUNTY

October 16

The Red Devils took the lead in the District 3 Conference race on October 16 by defeating Durham County 26-7.

Steve Dean scored the first touchdown on a 15 yard run and Dickie Powell tallied the second on a 10 yard run.

In the second period Powell intercepted a pass on the Durham 20 yard line to set up the third score. Wyke made it by cracking across from the one. The score at halftime was 19-0 in favor of the Devils.

In the third quarter reserve back, Wilton Smith, showed some fancy footwork by sprinting 62 yards for the final Devil touchdown.

After a Barger pass had been intercepted, Bobby Fuller turned end for 5 yards and a score for the lone Durham touchdown.

John Belk, Oliver Gibbs, and Russell Smith were stickouts in the Oxford line, and Morris and Ladd paced the Counts.

RED DEVILS vs. METHODIST ORPHANAGE

October 24

A lightning first quarter scoring spurt by "dem ole' devils" was too much for the Methodist Orphanage Red Raiders as the Devils won 25-12 in the annual Orphans' Bowl Contest.

On the third play from scrimmage, halfback Dickie Powell sprinted off tackle for 54 yards and a touchdown. Oliver Gibbs added the extra point for a 7-0 lead. Two minutes later fullback Jim Wyke crashed through the center of the line and scampered 64 yards for another touchdown. Gibbs failed on the conversion.

Methodist intercepted a pass on the Devils 10 yard line and ran it over for the first touchdown. In the third quarter Hobson of Methodist picked up a Devil fumble in the clear and ran 87 yards for a touchdown. This irritated the Devils and they scored two more markers, Steve Dean going over from the 10 and Barger from the one.

Powell, Wyke, and end Jones were standouts for the winners, and Hobson and Lamm were outstanding for the losers.

RED DEVILS vs. HILLSBORO

October 29

The Red Devils kept their lead in the District Three conference by trouncing Hillsboro 31-7 in the bi-annual "mud bowl." The Red Devils got two touchdowns in each of the first and third periods and one in the fourth.

Halfback Dean set up the winner's first score with an interception on the Hillsboro twenty. Barger scored from the three. The Devils took over on the enemy thirty-seven as a result of a poor punt, with Dean going over from the nine.

In the third stanza Oxford moved 61 yards in four plays for a third touchdown, with Powell going over from the eight. Dean broke away for 42 yards in this drive. Wyke scored the fourth marker for the winners after another Dean interception. Wilton Smith crossed into paydirt for the last Devil touchdown.

Halfback Bruce Richmond went 57 yards for Hillsboro's only touchdown. Ronnie Holloway was outstanding for the losers.

Dean and Wyke paced the winner's backfield, with John Belk, Russell Smith, Ersul Sowers, Oliver Gibbs the line leaders.

RED DEVILS vs. CHAPEL HILL

November 6

The Red Devils throttled Chapel Hill and were assured themselves of at least a first place tie in Class AA District Three race with a 19-0 victory. Jones scored on an "impossible" pass catch from Barger to climax a 70 yard drive early in the second period. Steve Dean cracked over from the two in the same period to end a 50 yard march. Dick Powell ran over the extra point for a 13-0 half time lead.

Powell recovered a wildcat rumble on the 10 and Dean sprinted off tackle on the next play for the Devils' third touchdown in the third quarter.

Powell, Dean, and Jones stood out for the visitors on offense and tackle; John Belk led the defense charge.

The game was played in a howling snow blizzard.

RED DEVILS vs. OXFORD HIGH

November 13

Early in the second quarter, after a scoreless first quarter, in the last regular season game of the year, it looked like Oxford High School, coached by Bob Culton, would pull a major upset. The Wildcats had the ball on the Devils' one yard line, but due to the amount of pressure that Coach Austell had ordered his linemen to put on the opposing center, the ball was centered about 5 yards over the quarterback's head. The Devils quickly recovered the fumble which ended the threat.

Both teams missed out on scoring chances galore until most everyone on Daniels Memorial Field thought that surely this game would end in a scoreless deadlock. Then the Devils, whose breaks were not coming as rapidly as the High School, got the break that led to an electrifying finish in the ball game.

Ersul Sowers, a freshman guard, deserves a lot of credit for his performance in the game. He was the player who covered the fumble that led to the winning play.

After Dean, Powell, and Wyke had run the ball down to the eleven yard line, Barger heaved Dean a pass in the end zone that brought the amazed crowd of some two and a half thousand to their feet. Gibbs added the point after touchdown. Though the Wildcats fought back with desperation passes, it was not enough to even tie the Devils.

John Belk was a stickout in the line for the Devils, while Billy Blackwell was a thorn in the Devils' side all night.

RED DEVILS vs. NEW BERN

November 20

In the semi-finals of the Eastern AA playoffs, the Red Devils of Oxford Orphanage fought gamely for two and one half quarters before succumbing to the New Bern "Bears" by the score of 32-13.

In the second quarter of this hard fough game, Russell Smith pounced on a New Bern fumble and a few minutes later Dick Powell knifed over the goal for the first score of the ball game. Oliver added the extra point and the "Devils were in the lead by 7-0.

The score didn't remain that way very long, however. In the same quarter, George Slaughter, after a sustaining march by the "Bears," rippled through the Orphanage defense for seven yards and a score for New Bern. A few minutes before the half ended, "Preacher" Parker, quarter-back for the visiting team, tossed a 21 yard scoring aerial to Billy Atkinson to put the New Bern team out in front in the ball game 13-7 at the half. In the second half the "Bears" iced the game when George Slaughter cracked over the goal from four yards out.

The Red Devils tallied one more touchdown in the third quarter when halfback Steve Dean cracked into paydirt from the two yard line.

Parker scored the last two touchdowns for New Bern, one on a one yard plunge and one on a 53 yard sprint around the end.

Parker and Slaughter were stickouts offensively for New Bern, while Sasser, Riggs, and David Jones were tops on defense.

Outweighed tremendously the "Devils" put up a great fight with Dean the leader on offense, and Oliver Gibbs and Tommy Jones the defensive stalwarts.

1953 FOOTBALL RESULTS

		O.O.
Rocky Mount	26	14
Graham	0	27
Henderson	0	19
Roxboro	0	20
Ahoskie	19	0
Durham County	7	26
Methodist Orphanage	12	25
Hillsboro	7	31
Chapel Hill	0	19
Oxford High	0	7

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS

State Semifinals

New Bern	32	13

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AT FOOTBALL BANQUET

"EX-POTE" HANDS OUT AWARDS

At the Annual Football Banquet, Noble Lester H. Gillikin, Past Potentate of Sudan Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., is shown awarding gold footballs to the lads who participated in the 1953 Orphanage Bowl Game. These gifts were donated by Sudan Temple.

Boys receiving footballs were as follows:

William Alberston, Jack Barger, John Belk, Archie Capps, Steve Dean, Leroy Dixon, Philip Edwards, Van Edwards, Charles Gibbs, Oliver Gibbs, Billy Herrington, Fulton Herrington,, Odis, Hutchins, Terry Johnson, Tommy Jones, Fred McLendon, Ernest Perry (student manager), Alton Provost, Dickie Powell, Carl Sheffield, Odell Smith, Russell Smith, Wilton Smith, Ersul Sowers, Amos Speight, Newton Wilder and Jimmy Wyke.

Letter awards were presented by Coach Austell as follows:

Jack Barger, John Belk, Archie Capps, Steve Dean, Leroy Dixon, Charles Gibbs, Oliver Gibbs, Terry Johnson, Tommy Jones, Fred McLendon, Dickie Powell, Carl Sheffield, Russell Smith, Wilton Smith, Ersul Sowers and Jimmy Wyke.

Special Awards
Shrine Bowl Trophy
Given by Shrine Bowl Committee
Sportsmanship Trophy—**Tommy Jones**
Given by Billy Mitchell
Most Valuable Player Trophy—**Dickie Powell**
Given by Mr. O. D. McFarland
Outstanding Defense Player Trophy—**Tommy Jones**
Given by Mr. Billy Mitchell

FOOTBALL BANQUET

Dining Hall—March, 1954

SPECIAL GUEST AT FOOTBALL BANQUET

The Central figure in the group is Noble J. Edward Rooker, Potentate of Sudan Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. At his right and left, respectively, are Jack Barger and Charlie Gibbs, co-captains of the "Red Devils," the lads who will represent Oxford Orphanage on the football field this year.

PROGRAM

Invocation	Reverend A. DeLeon Gray
Toastmaster	Mr. E. T. Regan
Special Music	Miss Betsy Bullock

Accompanied by Mrs. Dorothy Wright

Introduction of Guests	Reverend A. DeLeon Gray
Introduction of Coach	Mr. E. T. Regan
Presentation of Awards	Coach "Gabe" Austell

Football Movie and Dance in Auditorium

BASEBALL SQUAD—1954

Pitchers

OLIVER GIBBS

STEVE DEAN

Catchers

CHARLIE GIBBS

ARCHIE CAPPS

First Base

TOMMY JONES

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Second Base

RONALD BULLOCK
HERMAN McLENDON

Shortstop

WILTON SMITH
STEPHEN FAUCETTE

Third Base

NEWTON WILDER

PETE HENDRICKS

Right Field

ODIS HUTCHINS

BILL HERRINGTON

Center Field

DICKIE POWELL

Left Field

JOHN BELK

ALTON PROVOST

Managers

PHILLIP EDWARDS

MARVIN SMITH

Coaches

M. L. AUSTELL

M. G. TALTON JR.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE—1954

March	26—Middleburg	Here
March	30—Durham County	Here
April	2—Henderson	Here
April	6—Chapel Hill	There
Apirl	9—Hillsboro	There
April	13—Roxboro	There
April	16—Methodist Orphanage	Here
April	20—Middleburg	There
April	23—Durham County	There
April	26—Henderson	There
Apirl	30—Chapel Hill	Here
May	4—Hillsboro	Here
May	7—Roxboro	Here
May	11—Methodist Orphanage	There

GIRLS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Each year as we enter our program of sports, we endeavor to carry out the purpose that has been set forth since the earlier years—that is, that we shall learn the characteristics of good sportsmanship, the importance of fair play, and the benefits to be derived from participation in athletics.

We do not enter interscholastic sports, but we thoroughly enjoy intramural activities, such as baseball, volleyball, soccer, and basketball.

Perhaps more excitement and interest is aroused in basketball, for in this we usually complete the basketball season with a tournament.

As we advance in preparation for the tournament, we are divided into teams and each chooses a name, for instance, this year we had "Tigers," "B.S.T.", and "Krazy Kats."

Everyone is looking forward to the time when we shall have a gymnasium, and we have learned that such is being planned for the near future.

We use the Masonic Hall for our indoor activities, but lacking a gymnasium, the boys do not have the opportunity to play interscholastic basketball.

We know that when we have the gymnasium all the children will have an opportunity for indoor play, games, etc. This addition will mean a great deal to the Home as well as the school for more adequate recreation facilities will lend its part to character building as well as physical development.

ALMA MATER

Air: *"Hail Gerald!"*

Words by MISS MYRTLE LEIGH PEACOCK

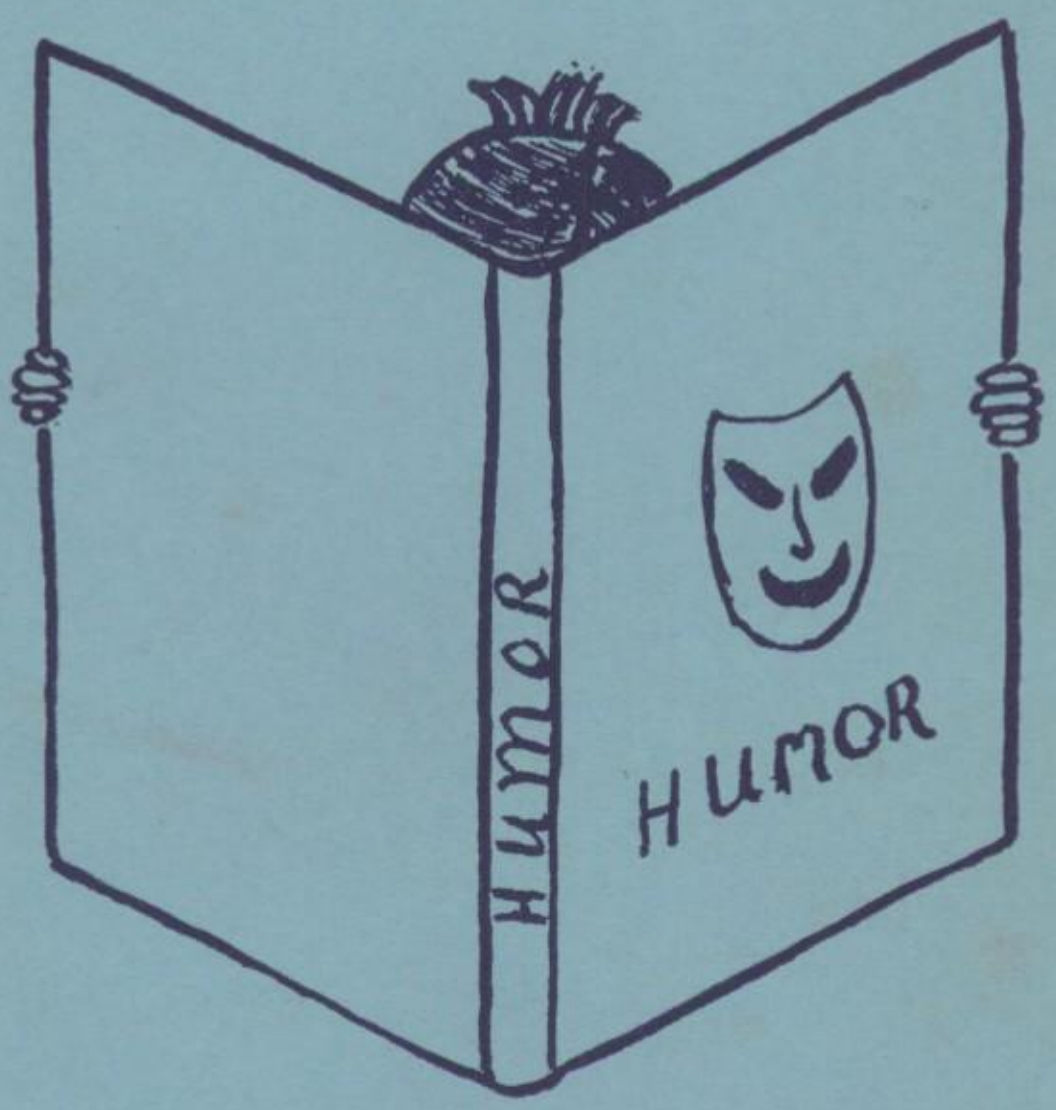
Hail to Oxford, Dear Old Oxford,
Noble, Fair and strong;
With her colors—red and black—we
Praise her with a song.
First, thou art in worth and beauty;
First, where'er we roam;
Sing we then our Alma Mater,
Oxford Orphanage Home.

CHORUS

Children of the great Republic,
One in voice and heart and will,
Strong and noble in the future,
Swell the chorus, let it thrill.

Praise this Shrine for every Mason;
Let no voice be still.
They have made our Orphanage Home
With a royal will,
In our colors, bold and stirring,
Red and black unscarred;
Oxford Orphanage, Alma Mater,
Always in regard.

HUMOR



CLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

A husband, answering the telephone, said: "I don't know. Call the weather bureau."
His pretty young wife asked: "Who was that, dear?"
Hubby: "Some sailor, I guess. Wanted to know if the coast was clear."

Billy Ray Cobb to his sweetie pie: "Honey, please whisper those three little words that will make me walk on air."
The sweet young thing said: "Go hang yourself."

The judge asked the prisoner why he stole the lady's purse. He replied that he wasn't well, and thought the change might do him some good.

Calf skins may make the best shoes, but banana skins make the best slippers.

Glenn Snider: "Who can tell me where we find mangoes?"
Wise Oliver Gibbs: "Where woman goes."

Sheila to her date: "Do you know what good, clean fun is?"
He: "No. what good is it?"

When one of our local cats took his girl to get married, the registrar asked: "The young lady is not a minor, is she?"
Young fellow: "Oh no, she works in the laundry."

Pat Bostic (in hospital): "Nurse, may I have a drink of water?"
Nurse: "Are you thirsty?"
Pat: "No, just want to see if my throat leaks."

John Williamson came running around the corner and bumped into Mr. Marsh.
Mr. Marsh: "John, why are you running so fast?"
John: "I'm trying to keep two boys from fighting."
Mr. Marsh: "Who are the two boys?"
John: "I'm one of them."

Carroll: "I just lost my girl."
Preston: "Well, cheer up. There are other fish in the sea."
Carroll: "Yeah, but this last one took all my bait."

An old darky was sent to the hospital in Charleston, S. C., for a general check up. One of the nurses took his temperature, recorded it, and then went on to the next patient.
When the doctor came in, he asked: "Well, Mose, have you had any nourishment?"
Old negro's reply: "A lady gimme a piece of glass to suck, boss, but I'se still powerful hungry."

Wives are like umpires; they don't think you're safe when you're out.

Mr. Austell asked James Barker to describe a caterpillar, whereupon he replied that it was an upholstered worm.

Emma: "What's worse than a giraffe with a sore throat?"
Fred: "A centipede with corns."

Doctor Taylor (arranging Steve Dean on the operating table): "I'll be frank and tell you that four out of five patients die under this operation. Is there anything I can do for you before I begin?"
Steve: "Yes, help me on with my shoes and pants."

Guide: "That is a skyscraper".
Jo Ann Powell: "Oh, my, I'd love to see it work."

The constable in a country town was also a veterinarian. One night the telephone rang, and the constable's wife answered.
"Is Mr. Jenkins there?" asked an agitated voice.
"Do you want my husband as Veterinarian or as constable?"
"Both, madam," came the reply.. "We can't get our dog's mouth open, and there's a burglar in it."

Political Speaker: "I'm pleased to see this dense crowd here tonight."
Voice from the back: "Don't be too pleased. We ain't all dense."

A man telephoned his doctor, asking him to come as quickly as possible.
"My wife has appendicitis."
The doctor retorted, "Nonsense: I took your wife's appendix out three years ago, and I never heard of anyone having a second appendix."
To which the husband replied, "Ever hear of anyone having two wives?"

Visitor: "I never saw so many flies, don't you ever shoo them?"
Wayne Edwards: "No, we just let them go around barefooted."

Charles Gibbs (fisherman): "I tell you, it was that long. I never saw such a fish." Mr. McSwain: "I believe you."

Stableboy: (to Tommy Jones, a new rider): "Would you like the Texas saddle or the English saddle?"
Tommy: "What's the difference?"
Stableboy: "Well, the Texas saddle has a horn; the English saddle hasn't."
Tommy: "I'll take the English saddle; I don't expect to run into much heavy traffic."

"I was so cold last night I couldn't sleep. I just lay there and shivered."
"Did your teeth chatter?"
"I don't know. We don't sleep together."

Mrs. Blackwell: "Ferrell, why are you late for school every morning?"
Ferrell: "Every time I come to the corner a sign says, "School—Go Slow!"

Courtship causes a man to spoon; marriage to fork over.

Son: "Pop, why do they rope off the aisles at weddings?"
Papa: "So the bridgegroom can't get away, son."

Mr. Talton had written 82.7 on the blackboard, and, to show the effect of multiplying by 10, rubbed out the decimal point. He turned to the class and said:
"Now, Ferrell, where is the decimal point?"
Ferrell, without hesitation: "On the eraser."

Margaret, seeing a snake for the first time: "Oh, Bear! Come see, here's a tail wagging without a dog!"

Clare: "Stop reaching across the table, Billy Ray, Haven't you a tongue?"
Billy Ray: "Yes, but my arm's longer."

Mrs. Ligon: "Dickie, what are your favorite flowers?"
Dickie: "Chrysanthemums."
Mrs. Ligon: "Spell chrysanthemums."
Dickie: "Well, I guess I like roses a little better."

Jean: "You woke me out of a sound sleep."
Margaret: "I had to. The sound was too loud."

Frances: "Hey, look at the bunch of cows!"
Fred: "Not bunch, herd."
Frances: "Heard what?"
Fred: "Herd of cows."
Frances: "Sure, I've heard of cows."
Fred: "I mean a cow herd."
Frances: "What do I care if a cow heard? I haven't said anything I'm ashamed of."

Mrs. Currin: "Oliver, what are those brown spots on your suit?"
Oliver: "Rust, I guess. The salesman said it would wear like iron."

Clerk: "These are specially strong shirts. They simply laugh at the laundry."
Carroll: "I had some like that. They came back with their sides split."

James Strum: "Can't I put this wallpaper on myself?"
Clerk: "Certainly, if you want to. It would look much better on the wall though."

Snerd: "When I was a little boy, I didn't think much of chopping wood."
Shorty: "I don't either."

Janice Moore: While walking on the boardwalk this summer, stopped at a machine with the notice: "I speak your weight." She stepped on the platform and put a penny in the slot. Then a voice said: "One at a time please."

Druggist: "Did you kill any moths with the moth ball I sold you?"
Wilton: "No, I tried for hours, and I haven't hit one yet."

Seen outside a power station: "Danger. To touch these wires means instant death.
Anyone disregarding this notice will be arrested at once."

Betty Ann McLendon was stroking her cat before the fire in perfect content. The cat, also happy, began to purr loudly, Betty gazed at her for a while, then suddenly seized her and dragged her roughly away from the hearth. Her mother said, "You must not hurt your kitty, Betty."
"I know", said Betty, "but I've got to get her away from the fire. She's starting to boil."

All through the game, Rachel Smith had been yelling her home town to victory. Suddenly she became silent, turned to her companion and whispered, "I've lost my voice."
"Don't worry," was the reply, "You'll find it in my left ear."

Philip Edwards: "Mr. Pruitt, may I have the wishbone?"
Mr. Pruitt: "Not until you eat your spinach."
Philip: "But I wanted to wish I didn't have to eat it."

Bobby Morgan: "This car won't climb a hill! You said it was a fine machine."
Dealer: "I said, "On the level, it's a fine car!"

Preacher: (at baptism): "His name, please?"
Mother: "Percival Archibald Alfred Henry Smithson."
Preacher (to helper): "A little more water, please."

Mump: "What's a ten-letter word meaing a holdup?"
Russell: "I'll bite, what is it?"
Mump: "Suspenders"'

An irate boss was fuming because his new stenographer, Audrey, was late in getting to the office. When she finally came in he said angrily, "You should have been here at nine."
"Why," she asked, "what happened?"

Fred: "What has lots of legs, green eyes, and a yellow back with black stripes?"
John Belk: "I don't know. What?"
Fred: "I don't either, but it's on the back of your neck."

Mary Ruth: "Some pork chops, please, and have them lean."
Butcher: ""Backward or forward?"

"How did you sleep?" asked the hostess sweetly. "Was the couch all right?"
"It wasn't so bad," said her son's college friend amiably. "I got up from time to time and rested."

AUTOGRAPHS

To live in harmony with our fellowman
Is to bring happiness to all. Mrs. Clement

I think that my life has been made much better by having had the opportunity to know and work with such a wonderful person as you. I shall always remember you. Love Mrs Tom Dixon

AUTOGRAPHS

Miss Mary E. Hasie

So a real nice lady.
Be good to yourself
John Williamson

Has been a real pleasure to work with you
Inez Beasley

Hi Miss. Hamlett,
it has been a great pleasure working with you this year. I hope we can be room mates next year.
Love
Nurses